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## SIKH-ING DIPLOMACY

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, stand with Chief Minister of Punjab state Parkash Singh Badal, left, at the Virasat-e-Khalsa complex, the Sikh heritage museum, in Anandpur Sahib, India, on Wednesday. It was a politically charged visit to a Sikh holy site, a trip that holds significance for Canada's Indo-Canadian community but one that risks riling Harper's Indian hosts. Go to metronews.ca for the full story. KAPIL SETHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Not so fast there, Obama

The victorious U.S. president has so much he wants to do, but a big challenge for him — yet again — is mastering the C-word: compromise PAGE 19

### Ne-Yo has so many jobs

R&B singer has a new album out, but he also stars in the George Lucas-directed Red Tails, and serves as senior VP at Universal Motown PAGE 40

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What's behind the sudden baby boom in Windsor? One hospital executive says it's the popular novel Fifty Shades of Grey PAGE 17

# No pass for Ford in team bus shuttle controversy

**'Emergency situation.'** TTC board once again questions why buses were dispatched for mayor's football team

Prior to the recent incident with Mayor Rob Ford's football team, it appears the deadly Sunrise Propane explosion four years ago was the last time a TTC bus was used to transport — rather than temporarily house — people in an emergency situation.

The stark difference between the two incidents — a deadly explosion that sent thousands fleeing their homes, versus a dispute over a refereeing call — has people on the TTC's board once again questioning the events at Father Henry Carr Catholic Secondary School last week.

"Whether this ... constituted a, quote-unquote, 'emergency situation' is questionable," said TTC chair Karen Stintz.

Fire, police and ambulance crews regularly ask the TTC to dispatch shelter buses to crisis locations. But in almost every case, those buses act as a warm place for displaced residents. Almost never is the service used to move people.

The last time the TTC's executive director of communications, Brad Ross, could pinpoint an emergency shuttle was on Aug. 10, 2008, when a series of massive explosions forced about 12,500 people from their homes.

"The TTC works with emergency services to comply with all requests; if we are asked to transport people, we will, of course, do that."

This appears to have been the case on Nov. 1, when a Toronto police sergeant requested a TTC shelter bus when tensions escalated between Ford's Don Bosco Eagles and a rival high school team over a ref call.

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Royal delight no more

Royal Sun, who died at age 16.
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## Beloved police horse dies on job

He was the ever-obedient servant, the Toronto police mounted unit's gentle giant. But during the odd midnight shift at the force's CNE stables, Royal Sun was known to show a mischievous streak.

Officers would hear rustling from the barn and know the massive horse was wandering the aisles, usually on his way over to the hay stack. He'd finagle his way to freedom by sticking his head out of the stall door window and lifting the latch with his teeth.

After 12 years of devoted service and occasional unauthorized jaunts, Royal Sun, a 16-year-old crossbreed, unexpectedly died on the job early Sunday morning while patrolling the Entertainment District.
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Recycling same old story

## City cheaps out on green bin

Belt tightening under Mayor Rob Ford is thwarting Toronto's efforts to achieve its lofty waste-diversion goals, critics say. "This is the third budget in a year where we have done nothing to advance recycling," said Coun. Gord Perks. "This budget is more of the same. If you believe in recycling, you're not being well served," Perks said.
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# When housing trumps work space

**Condo-crazy Toronto.** Planners must buck fierce pressure to turn over employment land

The struggle for land in Toronto is pitting residential developers against industry in attempts to build condos on lands traditionally dedicated to jobs.

Chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat and her planning department are in the middle, fighting to keep Toronto a city that provides places for people to both live and work.

"There's a real risk that the city faces at this moment," Keesmaat said. "We are struggling with — and we need to struggle with — it, because … we could see a wholesale transition and loss of our employment lands."

A rare window has opened in the form of a five-year plan review, allowing developers with sky-high dreams to push for rezoning lands currently dedicated to employment like factories and offices.

Those areas are, she said, "a really crucial asset to ensuring we have communities where people can live near where they work."

Recently, the Mr. Christie's plant at Lake Shore Blvd. and Park Lawn Road announced it would close, costing 550 workers their jobs. The company that owns the plant cited pressure from nearby residential developments, and has submitted an application that includes a concept for 27 condo towers.

The planning department has processed 65 applications so far and prepared a report to be considered at Thursday's meeting of the planning and growth management committee.

"We need to wrap our hands pretty tightly around these employment lands and say, 'Whoa, hold on a minute, this can't just be a city where people live; people need to work here, too,' " Keesmaat said.

Employment lands and condos can co-exist, but the arrangement places stress on industrial businesses.
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Mixed-use demand

- The city has received more than 90 proposals to convert employment lands to other uses. Most are vying to have them designated as mixed-use areas, which would allow for condo development. New requests are arriving at the planning office daily.
- Documents obtained by Torstar News Service show a planning staff fighting hard against the rising tide of development, rejecting about half of the requests for changes to mixed-use developments.

## Uranium plant on down low in Junction for half a century

Sheila Muir is the organizer of a campaign to stop the operation of a uranium processing plant run by GE in the Landsdowne and Dupont area. The plant has been operating for 50 years under the neighbourhood radar. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Drama sheds light on law that 'gets rid of Canadians'

**Deportation.** A feature movie by two Toronto filmmakers offers a glimpse of what lies ahead under Ottawa's Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act

When guys she grew up with in Toronto were deported to Jamaica after running afoul of the law, Jennifer Holness was shocked.

To her mind, they were as Canadian as she. But they'd never acquired citizenship.

The Toronto filmmaker started to take note when some of the deportees — including O'Neil Grant, deported despite his acquittal on murder charges in a case involving a botched robbery at the Just Desserts café — ended up being killed or committing suicide.

With a grant from the National Film Board, Holness and her husband, Sudz Sutherland, eventually travelled to Jamaica to interview deportees dumped there after spending most of their young lives in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Some 40 deportees, 10 of whom had once lived in Canada, shared their stories with the couple. The interviews became the basis for a $4-million feature film, Home Again, which premiered at this year's Toronto International Film Festival.

With the movie, the couple wants to put a human face on the current debate over a proposed federal law that would strip the right of permanent residents to appeal a deportation order if they are sentenced to spend six months or more in jail — a much stricter penalty than the current law, which sets the bar at a two-year sentence.

Recently, they launched a website, homeagainfilm.com, to draw public attention to the implications of the new Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act.

"These are Canadians, Americans and British. They are not Jamaicans," said Holness, who spent her early years in Montego Bay, joining her mother in Toronto at age 6. She grew up in the area around Bathurst and Wilson Streets.

"A lot of young people do get into trouble, and it can't be one strike (and you're sent back)," she said.

**Quoted**

**"The new bill is deceptive. It's fast-tracking anybody convicted of a crime in Canada. They are not going to get rid of foreigners. They are going to get rid of Canadians."**

Jennifer Holness, Toronto filmmaker

Jamaica may be their birthplace, Sutherland said, but these deportees are essentially products of the country where they were raised.

"When immigrants have massive success, we take credit for their triumph. But when they don't do well, we get rid of them," said Sutherland, who was born in Mount Sinai Hospital to Jamaican immigrant parents. "You can't be so selective. You have to take the good and the bad."

Most of the deportees interviewed for the film — aged 19 to 60 — shared similar stories of growing up unaccepted and unwelcome in their adopted homeland.

Many of the deportees returned to a country they hardly knew, where unemployment was high, and ended up destitute.

"For them, they bring infamy to the island. A return to Jamaica can be a death sentence. Their dreams are always to go back to Canada or wherever they come from."

The deportees found little support in making the transition, and many turned to drugs to numb themselves to the harsh realities of their situation.

Holness said their interviewees volunteered only information they wanted to share, but it appeared that all but three of them had been convicted of drug-related and other relatively small-time crimes. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Actress CCH Pounder, left, director David (Sudz) Sutherland and actress Tatyana Ali of Home Again at the 2012 Toronto International Film Festival in September. MATT CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Employees of Lego Japan set blocks to create Yoda from Star Wars on Monday at the Legoland Discovery Center Tokyo. YOSHIKAZU TSUNO/GETTY IMAGES

# Pieces are in place for ultimate Lego competition

Wanted: an exceptional Lego model builder with plenty of Lego-building experience.

It's certainly not a typical job advertisement Legoland has sent out in anticipation for their Brick Factor challenge, which takes place later this month.

The two-day search on Nov. 24 and 25 to find Canada's first master model builder will secure a lucky Lego enthusiast a full-time position at Canada's first Legoland Discovery Centre.

The 34,000-square-foot indoor mini-amusement park will feature Lego rides, classes from a Lego master model builder and a "4D cinema" where action is accompanied by wind, rain, lightning and snow. Kids will be able to play with the blocks and accessories at the $12-million centre beginning this spring when it opens at Vaughan Mills shopping centre.

Applicants from all over the GTA will demonstrate their skills in several rounds of creative Lego challenges during the two-day audition at Pawsway on Toronto's Harbourfront.

Lara Hannaford, the Marketing Manger of Legoland Discovery Centre Toronto, said she has received less than a hundred applications so far.

"Besides being someone who loves building with Lego, they'll also become the face of the attraction, so it has to be someone with a winning personality who also is great at interacting with people," Hannaford said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Building blocks**

**According to a press release, the candidates will be faced with millions of Lego bricks and must demonstrate their skills at creating models in a series of time-limited challenges.**

- A panel of judges, which includes a master model builder from an existing Legoland Discovery Centre, will evaluate each candidate's performance. By the end of the first day of auditions, the selected top builders will move on to the final stage of the competition.

**Severe head injury**

## Cyclist struck by cab on University Ave.

A male cyclist in his 50s was rushed to hospital in life-threatening condition Wednesday after he was hit by a cab in the downtown core.

He sustained severe head injuries as a result, police said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Serious condition**

## Man walks into hospital with gunshot wounds

A man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his head walked into Humber River Regional Hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Hospital staff reported the case to police. He was transported shortly after by ambulance to a Toronto trauma centre. His condition is serious, Const. Wendy Drummond said.

Police may have located a crime scene at a highrise near Finch Avenue West and Bathurst Street.

Police fielded multiple calls from residents reporting the sound of a woman screaming followed by gunshots. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Young offender**

## Bail denied for boy accused in string of sexual assaults

A 15-year-old boy charged in connection with a string of sexual assaults in Toronto's west end has been denied bail.

The boy, who cannot be identified, is facing 16 sexual assault charges and two counts of criminal harassment after several women reported being attacked since the summer.

Police arrested the boy on Oct. 22 following an undercover operation involving young female police officers who posed as potential victims.

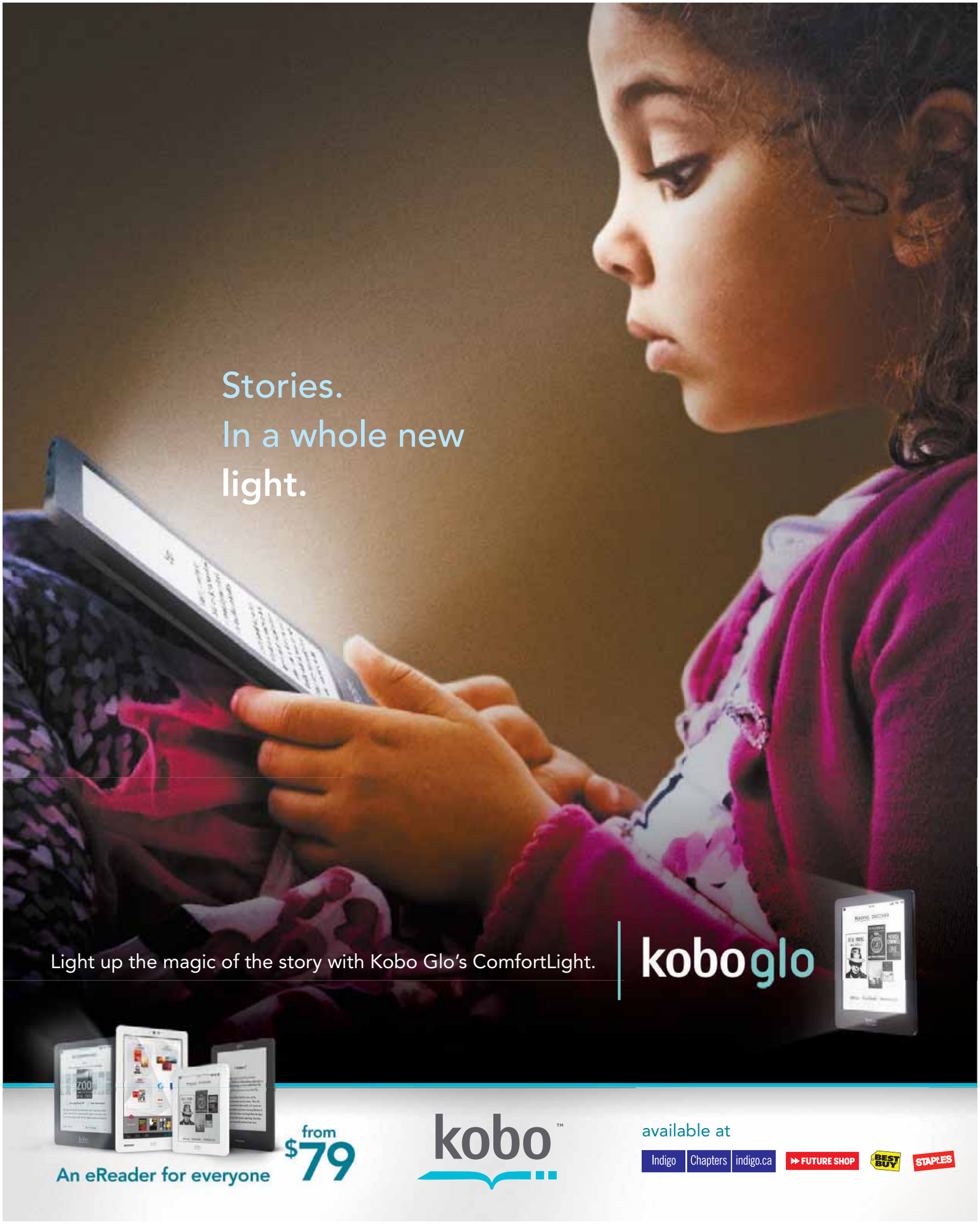
His next court appearance has been scheduled for Dec. 12. CFRB/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Patricide?**

## Man charged in father's death

Francesco Cara, 28, of Oshawa has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of his father.

Police say 56-year-old Claudio Cara was found dead from stab wounds in a home last February. CKDO/THE CANADIAN PRESS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# Liberal leadership: Matthews out, Pupatello and Sousa in

Ontario Liberal Health Minister Deb Matthews will not seek the Liberal leadership. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Charles Sousa makes his announcement Saturday in Mississauga. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sandra Pupatello will kick off her campaign Thursday in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Joining the race.** New contenders come from cabinet and private sector to take on province's top job in advance of January leadership convention

Health Minister Deb Matthews is taking a pass on the Ontario Liberal leadership race while two other prominent Grits are set to launch their bids for Premier Dalton McGuinty's $209,000-a-year-job.

Sources confirmed former economic development minister Sandra Pupatello, now a director of global business development for PricewaterhouseCoopers, will kick off her campaign Thursday in Toronto, while Citizenship and Immigration Minister Charles Sousa makes his announcement Saturday in Mississauga.

Sousa will resign from McGuinty's cabinet "in the next 24 hours," a source close to his campaign said Wednesday, complying with a McGuinty edict that ministers quit their posts if they run.

Pupatello, who did not run in the last provincial election, will travel to her hometown of Windsor after her announcement and attend an evening function at an Italian club there where her supporters will be selling party memberships in the race for delegates leading to the Jan. 25-27 leadership convention in Toronto.

For her part, Deb Matthews said the health care system needs a "steady hand" as transformation continues to keep costs in line and improve service.

"After much thought, I've decided the biggest contribution I can make is to stay right where I am, she told the Health Achieve hospital conference at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

"Over the next few months, we can make some big steps forward," she said later, acknowledging her term as health minister could come to an end when a new premier is chosen or with a provincial election widely expected next spring.

"I'm here as long as I'm here."

Matthews, a grandmother of four, said she plans to run in the next Ontario election.

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**Staying put**

**"After much thought, I've decided the biggest contribution I can make is to stay right where I am."**

**Health Minister Deb Matthews**
On her decision to bow out of the race for Liberal leadership, despite hinting at running in previous weeks.

For updates on the provincial Liberal leadership race, visit metronews.ca

**Dropping out**

**Health Minister Deb Matthews had been deliberating for more than three weeks since Premier Dalton McGuinty's surprise resignation, frequently hinting she had everything in place for a run but was wrestling with the decision on a personal level.**

- **ORNGE.** As well, Matthews, a sister-in-law of former premier David Peterson, would have faced increased scrutiny for her oversight of the health ministry in the ORNGE air ambulance scandal.
- **Criticism.** None of the leadership candidates from McGuinty's cabinet can dodge responsibility for ORNGE and other turmoil like the eHealth Ontario debacle, said Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak.
- **Not a factor.** Matthews insisted ORNGE was "not at all" a factor in her decision.

# Outsider enters Federal Liberal race

With the Federal Liberal leadership race set to officially kick off next week, Ottawa lawyer David Bertschi is formally joining the field of contenders.

Not exactly a household name in Canadian politics, Bertschi says he comes to the Liberal leadership race with seemingly contradictory credentials — as an outsider from the national capital.

Though he was a candidate in the 2011 election, Bertschi failed to wrest the Ottawa-Orleans riding away from Conservative incumbent Royal Galipeau, losing by about 4,000 votes.

Bertschi says he has heard the criticism — that the next leader of the party should be someone who has already proven an ability to be elected. But he believes that the Liberal party needs a "fresh set of eyes and a fresh way of doing things."

"Often times, you need someone from the outside to rebuild the party," Bertschi said in an interview this week in the boardroom of his spacious law firm in the Orleans suburb of Ottawa.

The Liberals need to cure themselves, Bertschi says, of the "top-down" thinking that he believes is responsible for the party's current exile in the political wilderness.

Bertschi has been watching all the hype around the candidacy of Justin Trudeau, the Montreal MP and son of Pierre Trudeau who plunged into the race with much fanfare a month ago. Trudeau is repeatedly described as the likely winner, headed for a coronation, and he may have scared off some potential challengers.

**Reinvention**

**Lawyer David Bertschi believes that his entire life story — child of a single, working mother, a self-made, successful lawyer — fits the needs of a Liberal party that needs to pick itself up by the bootstraps and reinvent itself.**

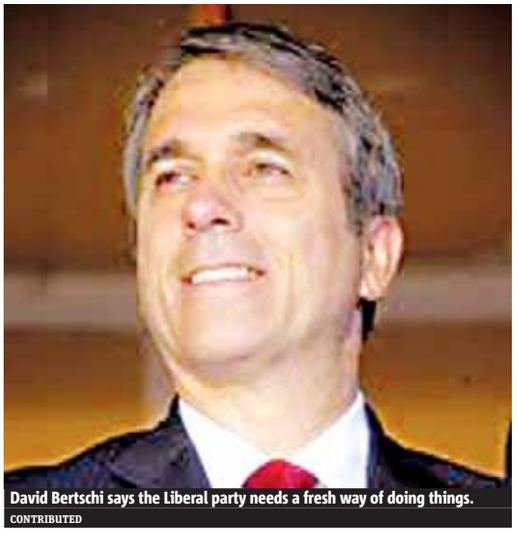
Bertschi says he's not daunted. He's chatted with Trudeau and he likes him, but he also indicates that he'll be framing himself as a very different kind of Liberal — one who was raised in more modest circumstances, more in touch with everyday lives of Canadians.

He also subtly hints at his age difference — a decade older than the 40-year-old Trudeau — as an advantage. Asked, for instance, whether he's thought of raising his profile in a boxing match, as Trudeau did with a rout of Senator Patrick Brazeau earlier this year, Bertschi laughs.

"My days of that, I think, are over. When I was growing up, it was usually if I was jumped from behind I'd defend myself. But I didn't go looking for fights."

Bertschi, 52, was born and raised in Quebec; an anglophone kid who went to French schools in the small towns of St. Adele and Verdun, and spent his teenage years in Montreal.

He says he was prompted to run for the leadership by a number of people in the business community, who believed that the party needed an infusion of outside thinking. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



David Bertschi says the Liberal party needs a fresh way of doing things.
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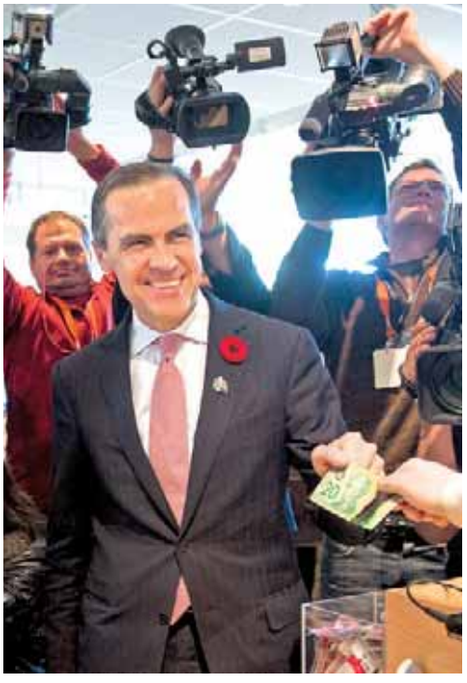

## Carney test drives new $20

Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney hands over a new polymer $20 bank note that he used to make a purchase at the museum gift shop after a launch ceremony at the War Museum in Ottawa on Wednesday. There will be about 800 million of the plastic $20 bills, which feature the Vimy Memorial, in circulation — as many as all other denominations put together. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# New storm threatens New York, New Jersey

**Second surge.** Just under a million people still without power in the region as weaker storm moves in

Volunteer Karina Ayubi, left, joins National Guardsman Brandon Kyle as they distribute blankets donated by the American Red Cross to residents without power as a Nor'easter approaches in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, Wednesday in Little Ferry, N.J. Major airlines cancelled flights in and out of the New York City area ahead of the storm. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coastal residents of New York and New Jersey faced new warnings to evacuate their homes, and airlines cancelled hundreds of flights, as a new storm arrived Wednesday, more than a week after Superstorm Sandy left dozens dead and millions without power.

Forecasters said the latest storm appeared weaker than first thought, but it still carried the threat of high winds, storm surges and even snow that could cause further damage to the already weakened infrastructure of the country's most densely populated region. Rain and wet snow started falling in New York City around midday.

"I am waiting for the locusts and pestilence next," New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said. Public works crews with heavy machinery worked to build up dunes to protect the battered shoreline.

More than half a million homes and businesses remained without power as temperatures hit freezing at night, and finding tens of thousands of people emergency housing — in some cases, for the long term — was the greatest challenge.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg ordered police to use loudspeakers to warn vulnerable residents, many of them in low-income public housing, about evacuating.

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# Guatemala quake kills dozens

**Central America.**
Temblor is the strongest to hit the country since a 1976 quake that killed 23,000

A 7.4-magnitude earthquake rocked Guatemala on Wednesday, killing at least 48 people in two provinces as it toppled thick adobe walls, shook huge landslides down onto highways, and sent terrified villagers streaming into the streets of San Marcos, an idyllic mountain town near the border with Mexico. One hundred people were missing, and hundreds more were injured.

The quake, which hit in the midst of the work day, caused terror over an unusually wide area, with damage reported in all but one of Guatemala's 22 states and shaking felt as far away as Mexico City.

San Marcos, where more than 30 homes collapsed, bore the brunt of the temblor's fury. More than 300 people, including firefighters, policemen and villagers, worked at a sand-extraction site to rescue seven people reported buried alive, including a six-year-old boy who had accompanied his grandfather to work.

"I want to see Giovanni! I want to see Giovanni!" the boy's mother, Francisca Ramirez, frantically cried. "He's not dead. Get him out."

President Otto Perez Molina said more than 2,000 soldiers were deployed from a base in San Marcos to help with disaster relief. A plane had already made two trips with special disaster-relief teams to the San Marcos area.

He asked that civilians in the country of 14 million stay put and not travel on highways because of landslides and debris. He also encouraged people in affected areas to stay outside and away from tall buildings.

David de Leon, spokesperson for civil protection, told radio station Emisoras Unidas that officials were working on evacuations and disaster relief. There were four strong aftershocks by late afternoon.

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Residents walk around rubble and a damaged car after a 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck the mountain village of San Marcos, Guatemala, Wednesday.

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In this Oct. 30 photo, Syrian rebels carry a wounded comrade in a blanket away from the frontline in the town of Harem, Syria. Despite two weeks of attacking a Roman-era citadel in which pro-Assad militia are dug in, the rebels failed to secure the town. MUSTAFA KARALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# U.K. plans direct talks with Syrian rebels as violence escalates

**Damascus clashes.** Britain's prime minister says Obama's win is an opportunity to do more to stop ongoing conflict in war-torn Syria

Syrian rebels made a new push into Damascus on Wednesday, clashing heavily with troops in the rebellious suburbs of the capital and firing mortars at a presidential palace and a Palestinian refugee camp, activists said.

The regime stronghold of Damascus has seen a surge in violence this week with some of the fiercest clashes in months. In recent days, opposition fighters also stepped up assaults on high-ranking supporters of President Bashar Assad in the capital.

The rebels have also been trying to break the resistance of a pro-government Palestinian faction, which could drag the half-million Palestinian refugees in Syria into the civil war.

The new challenge from rebels in the capital comes as the U.S. and Britain take steps to bolster the fragmented Syrian opposition. British Prime Minister David Cameron said his government planned to change its policy and deal directly with opposition military leaders. Previously, Britain has had contacts only with exile groups and political opposition figures inside Syria.

He urged newly re-elected U.S. President Barack Obama to join Britain in opening direct talks with rebel fighters and said they must do more to end the civil war that has killed more than 36,000, according to activists' tallies.

Rebels fired several mortar rounds at the Syrian president's residence in central Damascus on Wednesday morning but failed to hit their mark, said Bassam al-Dada, an adviser to the commander of the Free Syrian Army.

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Health

## Assad regime seizing medical aid, says Syrian medical group

President Bashar Assad's regime is confiscating much of the medical aid that the Syrian Arab Red Crescent in Damascus tries to distribute, a spokesman for a Syrian medical-aid group said Wednesday.

Dr. Tawfik Chamaa, a Syrian doctor in Geneva and spokesman for the Union of Syrian Medical Relief Organizations, said that as much as "95 per cent of everything that is sent to Syrian Red Crescent headquarters in Damascus goes to support the Syrian regime." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Syria. Western efforts to push out Assad ramp up in wake of U.S. election

Western efforts to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad shifted dramatically Wednesday, with Britain announcing it will deal directly with rebel military leaders. A Turkish official also said his nation has held discussions with NATO allies, including the United States, on using Patriot missiles to protect a safe zone inside Syria.

The developments came within hours of President Barack Obama's re-election. U.S. allies anticipate a new, bolder approach from the American leader to end the deadlocked civil war that has killed tens of thousands since an uprising against Assad began in March 2011.

U.S. officials said Patriots or other assets could be deployed to Turkey's side of the border for defensive purposes against possible incursions, mortar strikes and the like.

But Washington isn't prepared to send any such equipment inside Syria, which would amount to a violation of sovereignty and a significant military escalation, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

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Winnipeg

## Ottawa, Boeing meet to discuss helicopter costs

Six years after announcing a sole-source deal to buy 15 battlefield helicopters and three years after signing the contract, the Harper government has finally sat down with Boeing to talk about how much it will cost to support the aircraft.

Haggling over the service price tag came as the U.S. defence giant announced it had already selected General Dynamics Canada to provide engineering support to the CH-147F heavy-lift choppers, which shuttle troops and equipment.

Internal documents show the air force was eager to see a deal cut over a year ago, in the summer of 2011, and listed the support contract as one of the major risks and uncertainties in the $4.9-billion program.

The Chinook purchase, originally intended to support troops fighting in Afghanistan, was red-flagged by former auditor general Sheila Fraser two years ago for delays and a 70 per cent spike in price between 2006 and 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# A long-lost First World War medal home in time for Remembrance Day

**Auctioned on eBay.** Bike-club member returns native soldier's Victory Medal to its rightful owners

The medal awarded to a battle-scarred First World War soldier has been returned, almost a century later, to his family in the Mohawk community where he lived.

In 1919, Pte. James Beauvais returned from Europe with shrapnel in his chest and limited use of his left arm. Like all victorious Canadian and British soldiers, he was awarded a Victory Medal before being discharged.

The postwar period was filled with tragedy. He suffered from chronic physical pain and emotional anguish that would be described today as post-traumatic stress disorder or "shell shock."

He abandoned his wife and young daughter and drifted out West. Within a decade Beauvais was dead. He was buried in a modest grave, more than 2,000 kilometres from home.

Now his medal has completed a long journey home.

It was returned several weeks ago to his great-niece, Lynn Beauvais, at the Royal Canadian Legion branch in Kahnawake, Que.

The story of its path home includes a motorcycle club and eBay.

Normand Carrieres, a part-Wendat who rolls as a part-time biker in the Rolling Thunder club, routinely checks the online auction sites for bike parts, medals and military memorabilia.

The medal, listed "WW1 Victory Medal to Native Canadian, Pte. James Beauvais," jumped out. He had read Johnny Beauvais' book Kahnawake: a Mohawk Look at Canada, Adventures of Big John Canadian.

His motorcycle club, Rolling Thunder, is closely tied to veterans' causes. Through the club, Carrieres developed a kinship with a number of aboriginal veterans across North America. They included Gene Montour, the district commander of the Kahnawake Legion branch.

A Victory Medal awarded to First World War soldier Pte. James Beauvais is shown by his great-niece Lynn Beauvais on Wednesday in Khanawake, Que. The lost medal has been returned, almost a century later, to his family in the Mohawk community where he lived. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Carrieres won the medal with four seconds left in the eBay auction. After the auction, Carrieres heard that the Beauvais were looking for the person who had won it.

He learned the news while buying cigars at one of Kahnawake's contraband cigarette shops.

He contacted the local newspaper, the Eastern Door, and set up a meeting with Lynn Beauvais.

Lynn Beauvais was moved to near tears when Carrieres returned the family heirloom.

"It felt like he was making it happen," Lynn Beauvais said of the discovery.

The final step for her and her sisters will be to transport James' remains back to Kahnawake.

If it is not too expensive, she says, she wants to travel to Winnipeg with soil from the community and exchange it with some from his grave. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Scientists warn new tech could mean abuse at work

**Superhuman workers.** Performance-boosting pills, surveillance tech could soon become mandatory: Report

Academics from Britain's leading institutions say attention needs to be focused on the consequences of technology that may one day allow — or compel — humans to work better, longer and harder.

Barbara Sahakian, a Cambridge neuropsychology professor, cited research suggesting that 16 per cent of U.S. students already use "cognitive enhancers" such as Ritalin to help them handle their course loads. Pilots have long used amphetamines to stay alert. And at least one study has suggested that the drug modafinil could reduce the number of accidents experienced by shift workers.

But bioethicist Jackie Leach Scully of northern England's Newcastle University worries that the use of such drugs might focus on worker productivity over personal well-being.

"Being more alert for longer doesn't mean that you'll be less stressed by the job," she said. "It means that you'll be exposed to that stress for longer and be more awake while doing it."

The report also noted bionic limbs like the one used this week by amputee Zac Vawter to climb Chicago's Willis Tower or exoskeletons like the one used earlier this year by partially paralyzed London Marathon participant Claire Lomas. It also touched on the development of therapies aimed at sharpening eyesight or cochlear implants meant to enhance hearing.

Scully said any technology that could help disabled people re-enter the workforce should be welcomed but society needs to keep an eye out for unintended consequences.

"One of the things that we know about technology hitting society is that most of the consequences were not predicted ahead of time and a lot of things that we worry about ahead of time turn out not to be problems at all," she said.

The researchers also noted "life-logging" devices like Nike Inc.'s distance-tracking shoes or wearable computers such as the eyeglasses being developed by Google Inc. The shoes can record your every step; the eyeglasses everything you see. Nigel Shadbolt, an expert in artificial Intelligence at southern England's University of Southampton, said such devices are as little as 15 years away from being able to record every sight, noise and movement.

So do you accept if your boss gives you one?

The report was drawn up by scientists from the Academy of Medical Sciences, the British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Real possibilities**

**"We're not talking science-fiction here."**

**Geneva Richardson,** the King's College law professor who oversaw the report

**Consequences**

**Bioethicist Jackie Leach Scully said workers may come under pressure to try a new memory-boosting drug or buy the latest wearable computer.**

- "In the context of a highly pressurized work environment, how free is the choice not to adopt such technologies?" she asked.
- Union representatives appeared taken aback at the possibilities, such as long-distance truck drivers being asked to take alertness drugs.
- "We would be very, very against anything like that," said James Bower, a spokesman for Britain's United Road Transport Union. "We can't have a situation where a driver is told by his boss that he needs to put something in his body."

## Prehistoric Proboscidean

**Archeologists work along a riverbank east of Paris on Oct. 30 after unearthing a near-complete skeleton of a mammoth, christened "Helmut." The remains, dating back over 200,000 years, were discovered accidentally during excavations at an Ancient Roman site.**

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# A novel explanation for regional baby boom in Windsor

**Fifty Shades of Grey.**
Windsor hospital executive says racy book's release coincides with recent spike in baby deliveries

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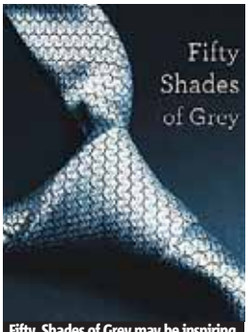


Fifty Shades of Grey may be inspiring an uptick in "bedroom activity," says a hospital executive in Windsor.
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In the past week, Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) has delivered 80 babies, a 30 per cent spike over the average.

What's to blame for the sudden baby boom? One hospital executive says it's the popular novel Fifty Shades of Grey.

"The timing is suspiciously close," says David Musyj, president and CEO of WRH in Windsor, Ont.

The erotic novel, by British author E.L. James, was released in Canada at the beginning of 2012. It chronicles an intimate relationship between a college graduate and a business tycoon and garnered attention for its explicit sex scenes.

Although he hasn't read the book or any of its sequels, Musyj has been told the story "promotes increased levels of bedroom activity."

Musyj admits his conclusion is "unscientific," but says there is often a correlation between certain events and spikes in the birth rate. The 2003 blackout led to an increase in births, and a similar pattern occurs after a new collective agreement is negotiated with any of the big three automakers, Musyj said.

In the case of the recent spike, Musyj says the popularity of the Fifty Shades series is the only thing hospital staff could point to as a cause.

"It's not like Windsor had a cold winter," he said.

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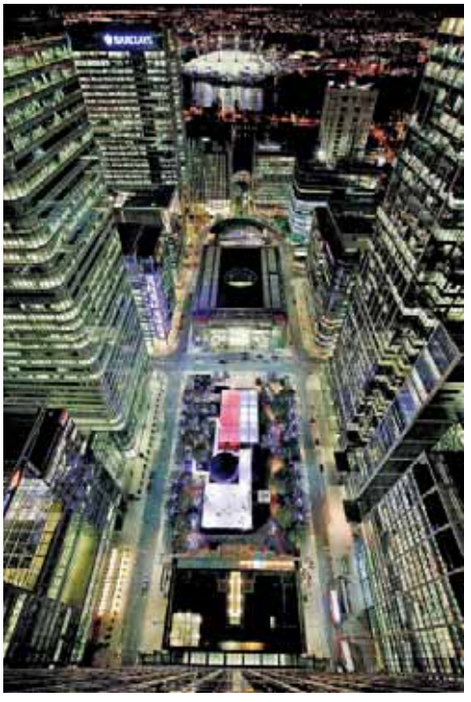
**"The timing is suspiciously close."**
David Musyj, president and CEO of Windsor Regional Hospital



## Ice-skating season already?

An aerial view of the official launch of an ice rink at Canary Wharf in central London, which officially opened Wednesday, with the O2 Arena dome seen at centre in the background. The Ice Rink venue is open to the public for the winter season.
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**Ballot measure**

## L.A. County porn performers must now use condoms

Los Angeles County voters have approved a measure requiring porn performers to wear condoms while filming sex scenes, prompting a pledge by the adult entertainment industry to sue to overturn the measure.

With 100 per cent of the county's precincts reporting, Measure B passed 56 per cent to 44 per cent in Tuesday's election.
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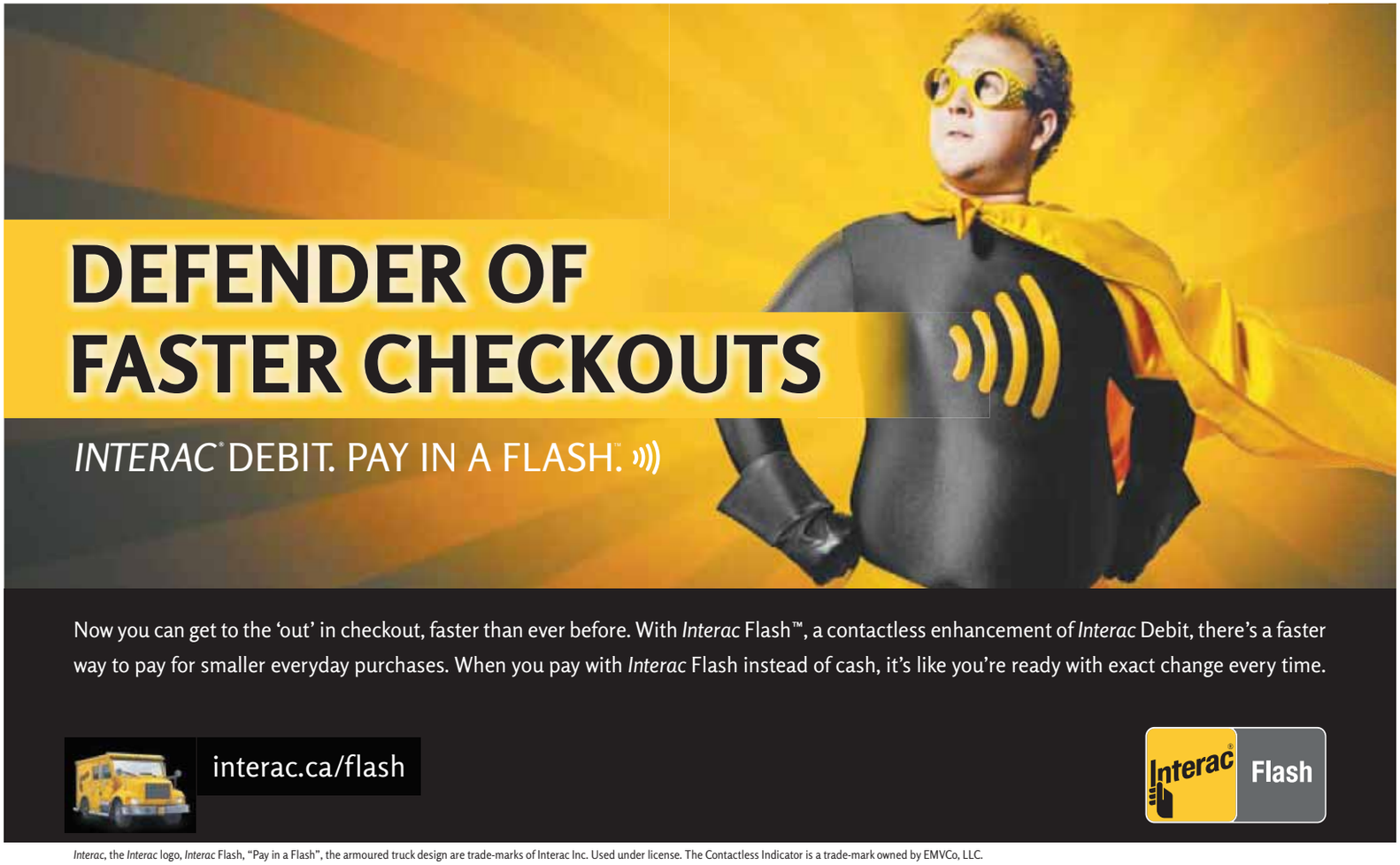
**Playing doctor**

## Man charged with trying to impersonate a physician

A New Brunswick man has been charged with identity fraud for allegedly trying to impersonate a doctor.

The 26-year-old Woodstock, N.B.-area man is accused of claiming to be a physician when he called a local pharmacy earlier this week. CJCJ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Brazil. Investigation underway into clergy's role during military rule

The Truth Commission investigating human rights abuses committed by Brazil's former dictatorship will also look into the role Catholic and evangelical churches played during the 1964-1985 military government.

Established last year by President Dilma Rousseff, the commission will investigate whether pro-dictatorship clergy committed human rights abuses or supported members of the military responsible for such abuses. Rousseff herself is a former leftist guerrilla who was imprisoned for more than three years and tortured during the dictatorship. She signed the law establishing the commission, which was given two years to conclude its investigation into the torture, murder and forced disappearances of people opposed to the dictatorship.

Brazil has never punished military officials who committed human rights abuses, unlike Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, which also had repressive military regimes. A recent study by the Brazilian government concluded last year that 475 people were killed or "disappeared" by agents of the military regime, far less than in neighbouring Argentina or Chile.

"The activities of the clergy who opposed the dictatorship as well as the actions of religious groups that backed the regime will be analyzed," said commission member Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, who will head the investigation.

The church saw the coup d'etat as a strike against communism, which they feared President Joao Goulart would install in Brazil, said Fernando Altemeyer, a theologian at the Catholic University of Sao Paulo. "The Roman Catholic hierarchy was involved in preparing the 1964 coup d'etat and at first openly backed the military regime," Pinheiro added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Quote**

**"The Roman Catholic hierarchy was involved in the preparing the 1964 coup d'etat."**

**Paulo Sergio Pinheiro,** Truth Commission member

## Flags of honour

**Jessica Natividad, a veteran of the U.S. army, places one of 6,600 American Flags on campus in Scranton, Pa., on Wednesday. Each flag represents a fallen American service member who served in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2001-2012.** BUTCH COMEGYS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Yemen. Intelligence officer killed in latest attack on security forces

A Yemeni intelligence officer was assassinated in a drive-by shooting by unidentified gunmen Wednesday in the capital, Sanaa, in the latest attack against security forces in the country, officials said.

They say at least 55 military, intelligence and police officers have been killed in Yemen since mid-2011. Most of the assassinations focused on individuals working in counter-terrorism operations.

The officials say Mohammed El-Fil was shot in the head by assailants on a motorbike. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters.

Last month, two senior officers were assassinated by militants in a drive-by shooting just outside the capital.

Officials believe that al-Qaida is waging a retaliation campaign against top officials after a military offensive pushed its militants out of their strongholds in southern Yemen.

Meanwhile, Yemen's air force, backed by US drones, have struck militant hideouts in several areas of Yemen. The latest air strike occurred Wednesday when local tribesmen said an aircraft targeted a vehicle outside of a village on the outskirts of Sanaa, killing two. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Libya**

## Court examines slaying of rebel

A Libyan military court looking into the assassination of a rebel commander has summoned the former transitional leader as witness.

The commander, Abdel-Fattah Younis, was killed in July 2011 by his comrades while in custody on suspicion of treason.

The highest profile assassination during Libya's civil war raised fears of revenge attacks, shaking confidence in the rebel forces and exposing disarray among their ranks before the ouster of dictator Moammar Gadhafi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Now the hard part: Obama must confront the C-word

**Compromise.** It's the key to his success in his second term because Republicans still hold a tight grip on the House

What's in store for victorious U.S. President Barack Obama?

A brutal ideological fight.

Obama told Americans he has never been so optimistic. "The best is yet to come," he said, ticking off goals of reforming the tax system, easing climate change and overhauling immigration laws.

"Not so fast, Mr. President," came the response from Republicans, who still hold their grip on the House of Representatives.

So the challenge for Obama is mastering the C-word — compromise,

"The voters have not endorsed the failures or excesses of the president's first term," said frosty Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell.

"Now it's time for the president to propose solutions that actually have a chance of passing the Republican-controlled House."

Obama's narrow lead in the popular vote will make it difficult for him to claim a sweeping mandate. With returns from 94 per cent of the nation's precincts, Obama had 58 million, or 50 per cent of the popular vote.

Challenger Mitt Romney had 56 million, or 48 per cent.

Romney tried to set a more conciliatory tone.

"At a time like this, we can't risk partisan bickering," Romney said.

"Our leaders have to reach across the aisle to do the people's work."

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Happiness over Barack Obama's election win spread far and wide. In Puri, India, cyclists ride past a giant sand sculpture congratulating him.
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## The GOP. No longer will aging white men help the Republican party

What now for the Republicans?

The party is at a crossroads, confronted with an evolving U.S. electorate that is unceremoniously rejecting its vision for the country.

Barack Obama handily won the votes of women, Hispanics, African-Americans and young Americans.

Mitt Romney won aging white men — a dwindling voting bloc.

"We were wrong," top Republican Newt Gingrich said.

**Quoted**

**"We have plenty of highly achieved minorities in our party."**

**Talk-show king Rush Limbaugh,** dismissing suggestions the party is too white.

He and others in the Republican brain trust "misunderstood what was happening in the country," he said on television.

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## The economy. Obama's next challenge is pulling back from the fiscal cliff

Can Barack Obama put the U.S. fiscal house in order — and help the global recovery?

"There will be a period of unease as we now turn from the politicking to the heavy lifting," said Paul Taylor, chief investment officer of BMO Asset Management Inc.

Some Canadians warn the U.S. is heading toward the so-called fiscal cliff, which would be reached if gridlock in Washington prevents a deal to extend about $600 billion US in tax cuts and spending beyond Dec. 31.

Canadian exporters will still face uncertainty over the U.S. economy, which has had an impact on Canadian manufacturing and forestry firms contending with a decline in U.S. housing.

"If you're a Canadian exporter outside the energy sector then your options aren't great," said Capital Economics' chief U.S. economist, Paul Ashworth.

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**Showbiz**

## *Some angry stars are all a-Twitter*

For showbiz celebrities, it was the greatest show on Earth — love it or hate it.

Mariah Carey was so excited about Barack Obama's re-election that she released a song, Bring it on Home, in his honour.

Mitt Romney supporter Elisabeth Hasselbeck sent out a disappointed but conciliatory tweet urging a divided U.S. to become one.

Trump

Romney supporter, real-estate magnate and reality-show star Donald Trump tweeted: "This election is a total sham and a travesty. We are not a democracy!

"Let's fight like hell and stop this great and disgusting injustice! The world is laughing at us."

But NBC News anchor Brian Williams said Trump's tweets show he has "driven well past the last exit to relevance and veered into something closer to irresponsible."

Beyoncé

Romney supporter Ted Nugent ranted on Twitter that the country is doomed.

"Pimps whores & welfare brats & their soulless supporters have a president to destroy America," he wrote.

Beyoncé gloated, posting a photo that read, "Take that Mitches." It was accompanied by a photo of her in a "Texans for Obama" T-shirt.

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Divided island

## Puerto Ricans eye statehood

A majority of Puerto Ricans have opted for the first time to become the 51st U.S. state.

But Tuesday's vote comes with an imposing political reality: The island remains bitterly divided over its relationship to the U.S. and many question the validity of the referendum.

There's also the fact that voters ousted the pro-statehood governor.

Any change will need the approval of the U.S. Congress.

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Turnout about 57%

## Fewer Americans voted Tuesday

Preliminary figures suggest fewer people voted in the U.S. this year than four years ago, when voters first elected Barack Obama. Estimates say 119 million to 126 million voted this year, for a turnout rate of about 57 per cent.

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Feds warned

## Keystone's no shoo-in: Envoy

The Harper government shouldn't be getting its hopes up that Barack Obama's re-election will mean speedy approval of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, says the U.S. ambassador to Canada.

"We don't even have a route yet from the state of Nebraska, and until we have that, nothing can happen," said U.S. envoy David Jacobson.

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States vote

## Gay marriage, pot pass hurdles

In Tuesday's voting, Maine and Maryland became the first states to approve same-sex marriage by popular vote. Washington State and Colorado set up a federal showdown by legalizing recreational use of marijuana.

Maine and Maryland will become the seventh and eighth states to allow same-sex couples to marry.

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# Earth to Barack Obama: We think the world of you

**International reaction.** 'Phew' spells relief in any language as many nations hail U.S. president's second term

Students pose for a photo beside a cardboard cutout of Barack Obama in New Delhi, India, after he was projected as the winner of Tuesday's U.S. presidential election. KEVIN FRAYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He won, and the word "phew" trended worldwide on Twitter.

Despite a hard-fought campaign in the United States, there was never any contest overseas — President Barack Obama is the world's choice.

Even Tom McGrath, president of Republicans Abroad France, conceded: "It's clear that if they could vote, Europe would vote 80 per cent for Obama."

Part of the reason is continuity. Challenger Mitt Romney is a little-known figure internationally with scant foreign-policy experience, while Obama was seen as a steady hand following a predictable course.

"I think it is good that Obama won," said Pawel Kukiela, a 30-year-old company consultant in Poland. "He has a good program and I think it will be much better for Obama to continue what he has started."

An Iraqi army officer in the capital, Baghdad, praised Obama for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq and planning to do the same in Afghanistan.

Obama's re-election "is in line with what the Chinese people want," said Hong Zihan, a graduate student watching the results at a U.S. Embassy event in Beijing.

In Myanmar, which is opening to the world after five decades of isolating military rule, some said they were relieved Obama was re-elected because he had chosen to engage rather than sanction their country.

"President Obama is very flexible," said Thit Oo, a 42-year-old car mechanic, "and international relations have improved during his term." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Could U.S. budget crisis push Canada into a recession?

**Geo-economics.** Finance minister worried Canucks might follow Americans over 'fiscal cliff'

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is urging U.S. politicians to get back to work quickly on resolving their budget crisis now that the election is over, warning that failure would plunge both America and Canada into recession.

The minister has voiced concern before about the so-called "fiscal cliff," but the re-election of both Democrat President Barack Obama and a right-wing Republican House on Tuesday has led to new fears of the risk becoming reality.

"Of course we're worried because it would mean, were the entire fiscal-cliff risk to come to reality ... (it) would put the U.S. economy into a recession quite quickly and the Canadian economy would follow shortly thereafter, and would have a significant effect on the global economy," Flaherty told reporters Wednesday.

Flaherty said all his colleagues at the G20 meeting of leading economic powers last weekend in Mexico expressed concern about how U.S. policymakers would deal with the threat.

North American markets also seemed to take the threat seriously. The Dow Jones Industrials plunged more than 300 points at one point before recovering slightly. There was also a significant, but more modest, sell-off in Toronto.

Flaherty's comments came amid warnings that gridlock in Washington could prevent a deal to extend about $600 billion US in tax cuts and spending programs beyond Dec. 31. That would represent about a four-percentage-point hit to an economy only growing at two per cent.

Analysts have interpreted the re-election of Obama to the White House as having increased the odds against a deal before Jan. 1, in part because of the aggressive tactics employed by House Republicans in the past. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Open wide. Mobile dentist clinic targets those hard-to-reach areas

A dentist-on-wheels cruising down neighbourhood streets might not be quite as popular a sight with kids as the ice cream truck, but officials in Toronto hope it will be far more beneficial.

This week marks the launch of Toronto Public Health's mobile dental clinic, a 12-metre-long customized coach bus that will provide the under-18 set with free dental care in some of the city's most vulnerable communities.

"We have such a great need for this in Toronto," said Melvin Hsu, the city's manager of dental- and oral-health, who helped design and launch the program.

"Before the launch, we were already inundated with community partners asking the bus to come into high-needs areas."

The community partners, which are mostly youth and family shelters or community centres, will help clients book appointments for the day the mobile clinic is scheduled to visit their area.

"A lot of the families that we see, this is the first time they've seen a dentist in their lifetime," Hsu said.

The mobile clinic, which is staffed with a dentist, an assistant and a hygienist, features two dental stations and is funded entirely by the province as part of the Healthy Smiles Ontario program.

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**Operations**

**The bus can serve up to 20 clients daily.**

- **Where.** It will visit each of its different locations — including sites in the Scarborough, Jane-Finch and St. James Town neighbourhoods — once or twice a month, Hsu said. Toronto is one of five areas in Ontario to get the mobile clinic.
- **Who.** The mobile clinic's services are especially aimed at new Canadians, he said, adding that dental health isn't always stressed in other countries.

## Early winter blast brings chaos to Edmonton roads

**A pedestrian crosses a snow-covered street in Edmonton Wednesday. At least a dozen people were injured and one person died in car crashes as a nasty autumn snowstorm gripped Alberta's capital region. Environment Canada predicted that the storm could dump as much as 25 centimetres on the region before tapering off and moving into Saskatchewan.** JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Manitoba**

### First Nations kids on the move again

Children evacuated from a flooded Manitoba First Nation are being dispersed again — this time for their education.

The 85 children were among hundreds of residents taken to Winnipeg after severe flooding in 2011. The children are now going to different public schools — a move that has upset the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. In a letter to the federal government, Grand Chief Derek Nepinak said the children will face bias in the public school system. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Penticton, B.C.**

### Man found guilty in brutal assault

A B.C. man has been found guilty in an assault on his grandparents that left his grandfather with serious injuries to his head, ribs and knees.

Gregory Ailles was arrested after the 2008 attack in which he tied up Grant and Lois Ailles in their home and used a metal pipe to beat his grandfather. He was convicted of unlawful confinement and aggravated assault. He will face a psychiatric assessment before his next court appearance, scheduled for Jan. 3. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Need-to-know. Canada sets privacy guidelines for phone-app developers

Several Canadian privacy watchdogs have created a set of guidelines to help mobile developers create "privacy-friendly" smartphone apps.

And they warn that failing to be transparent about information collected could see developers run afoul of the law.

Federal privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart joined her counterparts in British Columbia and Alberta in releasing a document that explains how Canada's privacy laws apply to mobile developers.

Stoddart says it's been challenging to ensure everyone in the mobile-app industry knows that the rules apply to them.

"Sometimes I get the impression they don't care and they're not going out of their way to find out. And sometimes it's a catch-me-if-you-can attitude," she said in an interview.

Under new rules, developers must ensure info collected is relevant and secure. BEN MARGOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Anti-Muslim filmmaker. Fraudster with 12 names in trouble for using more

Prosecutors could provide more details Wednesday about the California man behind an anti-Muslim film that roiled the Middle East in a case where he's accused of violating the terms of his probation by lying about his identity.

While none of the eight alleged violations have to do with the content of Innocence of Muslims, what prompted Mark Basseley Youssef to use at least two aliases after he was convicted in 2010 of bank fraud remains a mystery.

The revocation hearing will give Youssef, 55, a chance to challenge any evidence gathered by federal authorities since his arrest in late September, just weeks after he went into hiding when deadly violence erupted in Libya and other parts of the Middle East in response to the movie.

Enraged Muslims have demanded severe punishment for Youssef, with even a Pakistani cabinet minister offering $100,000 to anyone who kills him.

Youssef had been sentenced to 21 months in prison for using more than a dozen aliases and opening about 60 bank accounts to conduct a cheque-fraud scheme, prosecutors said.

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# Greece rages ahead of dire austerity vote

**Growing desperation.** Violence erupts on the second day of a general strike that has all but shut down the struggling nation

An anti-austerity demonstration by more than 80,000 people in Athens degenerated into violence Wednesday as hundreds of protesters clashed with riot police ahead of a crucial parliamentary vote on new spending cuts.

The vote is the toughest test yet for the country's fragile four-month-old coalition government, which must pass the 13.5-billion-euro ($17-billion) package to ensure Greece continues receiving bailout loans and avoids bankruptcy.

The measures will pile more pain on the Greeks, who have suffered wave after wave of spending cuts and tax hikes since their government revealed in 2009 that public debt was actually far higher than officially declared.

On Wednesday, the second day of a 48-hour general strike, hundreds hurled rocks and gasoline bombs at police guarding Parliament, who responded with tear gas, stun grenades and the water cannon.

The austerity package is expected to scrape through when the vote is held later in the night. But any defections or abstentions could severely weaken the conservative-led coalition formed in June.

"Many of these measures are fair and should have been taken years ago, without anyone asking us to," Prime Minister Antonis Samaras said.

"Others are unfair — cutting wages and salaries — and there is no point in dressing this up as something else," he said, adding that Greece was, however, obliged to take them.

The alternative is bankruptcy and financial chaos as the country would likely have to leave the 17-country euro bloc.

The 48-hour general strike against the bill closed schools, shut down transportation and left hospitals functioning on emergency staff.

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A riot police officer is engulfed by petrol bomb flames thrown by protesters in front of the Athens parliament Wednesday. DIMITRI MESSINIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**The stakes**

### *Days away from true bankruptcy*

Greece's next bailout-instalment of 31.5 billion euros, out of 240-billion-euro total, is already months overdue. Without it, the prime minister says, Greece will run out of money on Nov. 16.

If Athens cannot raise sufficient funds, it will quickly find it impossible to pay its huge debts. As well as pushing the country out of the euro, this could trigger a nightmare of bank runs, hyperinflation and currency depreciation that would vapourize savings and put basic goods out of the reach.

The measures include pension cuts and tax hikes, an increase in the retirement age and laws that will make it easier to fire civil servants who are currently guaranteed jobs for life.

Even if Parliament approves the legislation, it is unlikely Greece will receive the next instalment in time for the Nov. 16 deadline.

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# Man whose leg was crushed by crucifix sues

**Amputated.** New York man who prayed for wife's health in front of crucifix was hit while washing it

A Mexican immigrant was so elated over his wife's recovery from cancer that he offered to clean the large crucifix outside the New York state church where he spent many hours praying for her to beat the disease.

He was scrubbing grime off the 270-kilogram marble cross when it toppled onto him, crushing his right leg, which had to be amputated.

David Jimenez, 43, is now suing the Roman Catholic Church, and his $3-million US lawsuit is scheduled to go to trial next year.

Jimenez's lawyer, Kevin Kitson, said he filed the lawsuit in March 2011 after the church denied it was liable for the 2010 accident that resulted in six-figure medical bills for Jimenez. The bills were paid by charitable foundations, Kitson said.

The attorney described the Jimenez family as devout Catholics who immigrated to the United States nearly 20 years ago.

During his delivery jobs, Jimenez would pull into the parking lot at St. Patrick's Church in the city of Newburgh to pray before the outdoor crucifix for his wife, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2008.

**Quoted**

**"He attributed her recovery to his devotion to the cross and Christ hearing his prayers."**

**Kevin Kitson,**
David Jimenez's lawyer

After she was declared cancer-free, a grateful Jimenez offered to clean the crucifix.

While holding onto the cross beam for balance while scrubbing Jesus's face, the crucifix snapped off at its base, sending Jimenez crashing to the ground, Kitson said. The bulk of it landed on Jimenez's right leg, crushing it.

Kitson said a single screw was holding the heavy crucifix to its base.

"There was no anchoring system, just that one screw," he said.

The church raised more than $7,000 US for Jimenez and his family, but Kitson said his client has been unable to work since the accident.

Frank Raia, a lawyer representing the church, wouldn't discuss the case. The church is part of the Archdiocese of New York, which isn't named as a defendant, Raia said.

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David Jimenez is seen in an undated photo.
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An outdoor crucifix that used to stand at St. Patrick's Church is seen in an undated photo.
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# ‘This wasn’t a conspiracy of silence’

**Penn State sex abuse.** Complaints about Sandusky showering with children allegedly not properly reported

Former Penn State president Graham Spanier was arraigned and released on bail at a brief court appearance Wednesday on charges he lied about and concealed child sex-abuse allegations involving former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

Spanier, accompanied by his wife, signed paperwork after his bail was set at $125,000 US, but he was not required to post any of that amount. He was ordered to forfeit his passport and be fingerprinted. He didn’t enter a plea.

Afterward, defence attorney Elizabeth Ainslie told reporters her client is “not guilty, absolutely” and disputed prosecutors’ claims Spanier conspired with university athletic director Tim Curley and vice-president Gary Schultz. She said Spanier, who testified before a grand jury in the matter, has not been given the opportunity to present his side of the story.

“This wasn’t a conspiracy of silence,” she said, echoing the charge made last week by state Attorney General Linda Kelly. “That is ridiculous.”

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**Graham Spanier**

**The school’s former president has claimed he’s being framed for political purposes.**

- He was charged last week with perjury, obstruction, endangering the welfare of children, failure to properly report suspected abuse and conspiracy.

Former Penn State president Graham Spanier leaves court Wednesday in Harrisburg, Pa. JASON MINICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# U.S. army. Two female officers admit sending nude photos to general

Two female U.S. army officers testified Wednesday they provided nude photos to a general facing sex-crime charges.

One of them, a married captain, testified that Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair repeatedly asked her to send him nude photos of herself, which she said made her uncomfortable, the Fayetteville Observer reported. Eventually, she said she placated the married general by sending him downloaded pornographic photos of other women, cropped so that their faces weren’t visible.

The testimony came during the third day of a hearing at Fort Bragg to determine whether Sinclair will go on trial for multiple criminal charges including forcible sodomy, wrongful sexual conduct and adultery, which is a crime under the U.S. military justice system. The allegations against Sinclair involve relationships with five women other than his wife.

Sinclair served as a deputy commander of the 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan until he was relieved of his duties in May amid a criminal investigation and sent back to North Carolina.

A female major also testified Wednesday that she sent photos of her breasts and a personal video to Sinclair.

The major said she had served as a company commander under Sinclair and that they became friends after they were no longer in the same chain of command.

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U.S. army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair
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**’boarding and booze**

## Olympian’s hotel mayhem settled in Nashville court

A Nashville judge signed off Wednesday on a deal between two-time Olympic gold medallist snowboarder Shaun White and prosecutors to settle public-intoxication and vandalism charges.

Susan Niland, the Nashville district attorney’s spokeswoman, said prosecutors agreed to dismiss charges if White completed alcohol treatment, performed 24 hours of community service and paid restitution. The vandalism charge was dismissed on Wednesday because White already has paid restitution to the Nashville hotel where police say he drunkenly destroyed a telephone.

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**Capital punishment**

## Californians vote: Death penalty to stay despite costs

California voters rejected the latest attempt to repeal the state’s death penalty, dealing a blow to activists who saw the election as their best chance to end capital punishment there.

Officials were still counting ballots, but it was apparent Wednesday that voters rejected a measure to end the death penalty 52 per cent to 48 per cent. The defeat came even though recent polling showed concern growing over the cost of capital punishment.

The state has executed just 13 convicts, and its death row has ballooned to 726 inmates since capital punishment was reinstated in 1978. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Netanyahu needs to mend ties with Obama

**Tilt toward Romney.** Israeli leader has decades-old friendship with Republican challenger and his campaign bankroller, U.S. casino billionaire Sheldon Adelson

U.S. President Barack Obama's re-election has left Israel's prime minister in a bind.

Benjamin Netanyahu repeatedly has clashed with Obama and was widely seen as backing Republican challenger Mitt Romney in the American election. Yet in the coming months, Netanyahu may need American support more than ever as the Palestinians seek upgraded recognition at the UN and the world grapples with the Iranian nuclear program.

"It seems like it is not such a good morning for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu," Israeli Cabinet minister Eli Yishai told reporters early Wednesday as news of Obama's victory emerged.

The concern reflected the widespread perception in Israel that poor personal chemistry between the two leaders could affect the broader relationship between their governments, particularly if Netanyahu is re-elected in upcoming parliamentary elections. The Israeli leader is the front-runner in the Jan. 22 race, according to polls.

The chilly relations are a result of style and substance. The two men have vastly different world views — Netanyahu's hawkish positions on security and support for free-market capitalism are much more in line with the Republicans — and they have never appeared comfortable with one another. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. President Barack Obama meets with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington in this March file photo. Netanyahu will need American support as the Palestinians seek upgraded UN recognition and the world grapples with Iran's nuclear program. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

## Settler homes. European powers criticize Israel's decision to move ahead

Germany, Britain and France criticized Israel on Wednesday over its decision to go ahead with the construction of more than 1,200 new homes for Jewish settlers in east Jerusalem and the West Bank.

The three European powers warned that the move could jeopardize efforts to restart the Mideast peace process. Palestinians regard the areas where the homes will be built as part of their future independent homeland.

Israel insists the settlements issue will be resolved when borders are defined through negotiations. Unlike the Palestinians and the rest of the international community, it claims annexed east Jerusalem as part of its capital and does not consider the Jewish areas there to be settlements.

More than 500,000 Israelis have moved to the West Bank and east Jerusalem since Israel captured those territories and Gaza in 1967. Israel withdrew soldiers and settlers from Gaza in 2005. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Behind the move**

**Israel's announcement Tuesday is seen as a signal to the Palestinians that they should consider the possible consequences of asking the UN General Assembly this month to upgrade their status to non-member observer state.**

- The 193-member General Assembly is dominated by countries sympathetic to the Palestinian cause and the petition for a status upgrade is assured.
- Last year, the Palestinians failed to receive the necessary approval from the UN Security Council for their bid to become a full member state.

**Israel politics**

### Peres squelches talk of running for PM in January

Israeli President Shimon Peres is playing down speculation that he might run for prime minister.

The 89-year-old Nobel peace laureate said Wednesday he plans on completing the final two years of his term.

The presidency is a respected but largely ceremonial post.

Aides to Peres said political operatives from various centrist parties have asked him to return to politics as head of a dovish bloc. Peres is seen as one of the few figures capable of challenging Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in January's parliamentary elections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Georgia tensions**

### Presidents' men walk out over abuse arrests

Supporters of President Mikhail Saakashvili walked out of Georgia's parliament Wednesday to protest the arrests of the top military officer and a former defence minister in connection with the alleged abuse of soldiers.

The arrests and the walkout marked the most serious outburst of tensions since the Oct. 1 parliamentary election, in which a coalition led by billionaire businessman and philanthropist Bidzina Ivanishvili defeated the ruling party. Ivanishvili became the new prime minister, but Saakashvili remains president for another year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Name that online bully and ban anonymity: MP

**Cyberbullying.** It's a life-and-death issue for some kids, and many people want to do something to stop it. But what will work?

JESSICA SMITH
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After reading some vile, anonymous online comments, Conservative MP Dean Del Mastro has decided the government should consider ending people's ability to post anonymously on the Internet.

"One of the best ways to end online and electronic bullying, libel and slander would be to force people posting hurtful comments to properly identify themselves," he posted on his Facebook page on Oct. 25.

He brought the same message to the House of Commons when he suggested banning anonymity wouldn't get in the way of free speech.

"While I believe firmly that the right to free speech must be strongly defended and protected, I also believe it should be backed up by the common decency to stand by one's words as opposed to hiding behind online anonymity," he said.

Del Mastro declined Metro's request for an interview on the issue, so it is unclear what specific actions he thinks the government should take or how banning Internet anonymity could be enforced.

Nathalie Des Rosiers, a lawyer with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, says judges would strike down a law that prohibits anonymity online.

"It's difficult to imagine how we can protect freedom of expression without protecting some form of anonymity with websites and comments online," she said. "It's essential to recognize that good intentions of having people stand by their words chill and prevent many useful expressions that cannot be done publicly."

People choose to be anonymous online for many constructive reasons, she said. They include being a whistleblower, reporting incidents of bullying or just having a social or political conversation that they would not want their families, friends or employers to know about.

"In my view, the real answer to vitriolic, terrible, nasty comments on the web is not to engage with them," she said. "The people who do vitriolic things — their greatest reward is when we respond and give them an additional platform."

Des Rosiers suggests teaching kids to be "resilient" against bullying would help them in a way that wouldn't deprive them of their rights.

Del Mastro isn't the only politician talking about bullying. The NDP is asking for the federal government to strike an all-party committee to create a National Anti-Bullying Strategy. MP Dany Morin said the idea would be to consider the best means of combating bullying and then create a plan. But at this point he is unwilling to get into specifics about what the strategy might contain.

A senate committee is studying cyberbullying, but the report, originally scheduled for release in October, has been delayed.

**'Caustic scourge'**

**"I read the comments of hundreds of anonymous posters online and was frankly shocked by the level of vitriolic hatred and personal attacks that were freely posted. Anonymous online attacks are, in my view, cowardly, but they are no less hurtful and represent a caustic scourge that is harming too many in our society."**
MP Dean Del Mastro

**Intervention is key**

## Teach kids not to stand by: Expert

Dr. Claire Crooks CONTRIBUTED

There's no quick fix to stop bullying, but appealing to kids' empathy and urging them not to stand passively by is a good start, says a researcher on the subject.

Dr. Claire Crooks, who studies bullying at the University of Windsor and Toronto's CAMH Centre for Prevention Science, says depriving bullies of their audience is key. Most bullying occurs in front of peers and is committed by kids looking for attention. They also do it to make people laugh, which makes them feel powerful. Young bystanders who stand up to bullies or report bullying to adults are an effective deterrent, she says.

"Research is finding that kids who intervene in bullying are more likely to say their parents expect them to do that," she said. "So, just by talking to your children about what you expect them to do when someone else is getting picked on, that can have an impact."

It's more difficult to understand the role of the online bystander.

"It's easier for kids to cyberbully than bully because there's that anonymity," she said. "One thing's becoming clear — with cyberbullying, there really needs to be a joint response with parents, communities and police. So many of these cases are crossing the line into cybercrime."

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**Engaging with kids**

**"The question parents need to be asking is not just, 'How do I know if my kid's being bullied,' it's 'How do I know if my child is involved in bullying? How do I know what role my child plays when others are being bullied?' Those are the kinds of conversations we should be having with our children."**
Dr. Claire Crooks

**Targeting cybercrime**

## Give us more disclosure: RCMP officer

Tad Milmine CONTRIBUTED

On his days off, RCMP Const. Tad Milmine of Surrey, B.C., talks to small groups of students about bullying. On the job, he'd like to have more power to uncover cybercriminals more quickly.

"I'm not saying divulge everyone's personal information — I'm far too busy to just be nosy — but if I need to know information because somebody's receiving a death threat through the computer, to get a warrant for that or a production order for that, it takes a long time," he said.

Milmine, and many police services, support a Conservative bill that would make Internet service providers disclose a user's name and information to police without a warrant.

Some companies already do, Milmine says.

"Facebook is our best friend when it comes to investigations," he said. "If there's something serious, or imminent danger to a youth, Facebook will give us all the information within a day. They'll give us everything. There's no warrants, no production orders — they're terrific."

To read about the anti-bullying lesson Milmine gives young people on his days off, go to metronews.ca.

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**Students speak out**

## Look beyond laws to end bullying: Teens

Bill Belsey CONTRIBUTED

A group of students brought a message for Canadian politicians studying cyberbullying: laws won't stop it.

Alberta teacher and anti-bullying activist Bill Belsey helped some of his students from Springbank Middle School speak to senators on a committee studying cyberbullying last spring. Most said kids their age need something more concrete.

"I just do not think that teenagers would listen. It just does not seem real enough," student Mariel Calvo said. "What I think we should do is get people speaking about it, get people aware and make sure that everybody knows how it harms people, how it consumes your life completely."

Student Molly Turner said a law probably wouldn't have an effect right away, but could help make bullying less socially acceptable.

"For example, it is now illegal not to wear a seat belt, but, not so long ago, that was acceptable," she said. "If the government were to set up a very definite consequence for anyone breaking the law on cyberbullying, it may make it unacceptable in society. It would not solve everything and not right away, but it, along with other measures, might help."

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**Rights and responsibilities**

## Privacy not a shield from the law

The right to privacy doesn't extend to anonymous bullies, Ontario's privacy commissioner says.

"Obviously, I'm a great believer in privacy — I'm the privacy commissioner — but I think you forfeit your right to privacy when you go online to victimize someone else," Ann Cavoukian said. "Privacy isn't there to enable you to do unacceptable behaviour that is harmful to others."

Cavoukian urges parents, teachers and students to discuss bullying publicly, while respecting the privacy rights of the victim. For example, teachers can help deter bullying by publicizing incidents and the consequences perpetrators face, but refrain from naming the bullies and victims.

She believes police have all the laws they need to police bullying when it becomes criminal and trace anonymous cyberbullies.

To hear more of her views, see her anti-bullying video at ipc.on.ca.

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# A ‘noogie’ never hurt me: Vice mag founder

Long before teens posted nasty comments on their friends’ Facebook pages and adults took surreptitious photos of Walmart shoppers to post and mock on peopleofwalmart.com, there was Vice magazine. It pioneered the art of matching photos of regular people with cutting comments.

Gavin McInnes, a founder of Vice who cut ties with the magazine in 2008, created the infamous Dos and Don’ts in early ’90s Montreal. A bully by today’s standards, he argues that bullying — especially the old-fashioned noogie and purple nurple — is good for children.

Dos and Don’ts were photos taken of people out in public — knowingly or unknowingly — paired with humorous insults or lecherous and offensive compliments. It began when Vice was based in Montreal and continued as a staple of the magazine when its founders moved it to Brooklyn and found worldwide success.

“But now, with Instagram and all that, the whole thing has become moot. Everyone is a Dos and Don’ter,” McInnes said.

He says bullying has changed over time.

“When I was a kid, bullies weren’t necessarily a bad thing,” he said. “You got a wedgie. No one wore glasses when I was in school because you’d be a ‘four-eyes.’ Now, all kids have glasses.”

McInnes says legal attempts to stop cyberbullying won’t help children. High-profile cases of kids who kill themselves after they’ve been bullied are not enough to prove a crisis, he said.

“To cling to that I’m sure sells papers and makes people feel special and makes people feel that they’re righteous, but the mathematical truth of it is it’s not a major problem and the worst thing you could do would be to try to fix this fake problem by regulating people. Sorry, someone called you fat. Sorry, you were bullied online. That’s called high school.”

McInnes fondly recalls his childhood, when he says bullies were respected as tough guys that you’d want to be, and kids were tough enough to ride their bikes barefoot until their soles were like leather.

“Every kid had a cast on, we wouldn’t wear a helmet, we didn’t have car seats, and then you go into the real world and you can fight and survive,” he said. “Now we have fat kids, sitting inside where it’s safe, playing video games, being regulated to extinction.

“You do a lot more disservice to a child when you make him scared of the world and when you put him in a protective bubble where it’s illegal for anyone to be mean to him. Mean is good, because the world is cruel.”

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**Point and laugh**

- Gavin McInnes recalls the first negative reaction he got from a Dos and Don’ts entry. It came from a woman whose shirt he said made her look like she had “penis tits.” She was mad and expected him to care, he said. “I guess people actually aren’t used to being antagonized, but that’s the secret to being funny.”

# Anti-bullying: A cause célèbre

**Anti-bullying has become a rallying point for celebrities who have been bullied themselves.**

**• Lady Gaga, who set up the Born This Way Foundation to fight bullying, said in the documentary Inside the Outside:**

**“The boys picked me up and threw me in the trash can on the street on the corner of my block, while all the other girls from the school were leaving and could see me in the trash and everybody was laughing — and I was even laughing ... And I remember even one of the girls looking at me like, ‘Are you about to cry? You’re pathetic.’”**

**• Possibly the most bullied teen in America, Rebecca Black, singer of the YouTube hit Friday, went on to become an anti-bullying spokesperson. She said in a press release for the PACER’s National Bullying Prevention Center:**

**“Bullying is something that affects so many and it can happen to anyone. I know what it’s like to have people make fun of you and I know how much it can hurt. I just don’t want other kids to have to go through that.”**

**•Demi Lovato, an anti-bullying spokesperson with the Mean Stinks Campaign, told ABC News:**

**“I literally didn’t know why they were being so mean to me. And when I would ask them why, they would just say, ‘Well, you’re fat.’ I was bullied because I was fat. And then a few months later I developed an eating disorder, and that’s kind of what I’ve been dealing with ever since.”**

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# A solid stock-picking strategy

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IN THE MARKET
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It won't come as a surprise to know that it's pretty difficult to predict where the stock market is headed. If we knew what would happen, we all would have sold our tech stocks in 2000; we would have exited the market in mid-2008; and we would have all jumped back in March 2009.

While bad economic news out of Europe does negatively impact markets, and while investors are worried about America's fiscal issues, it's foolish for the average person to make bets based on what may or may not happen in the world. The only way to really "play" the market is by investing in reliable, revenue-generating companies for the long-term.

What makes a company reliable? Typically, the best companies to own are in sectors that are impervious to an economic downturn. Food companies, for instance, do well in downturns because people always need to eat. Telecoms outperform too — no one wants to give up their Internet.

Dividend paying companies have also been proven to be less volatile than non-yielding companies. The dividend — a payout by the company to shareholders — is often a focusing force for executives. They need to be prudent with their company's money; if they're not, and the dividend gets cut, investors will want to sell.

If you stick to solid businesses that perform well in any economic environment, your portfolio will eventually rise, says columnist Bryan Borzykowski. ISTOCK

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Large, multinational brand name companies do well over the long-term too. Their size make it less likely that they'll go bankrupt; their international footprint means they have multiple avenues for growth and their brand name will keep people coming back for more. Think McDonald's, Coke and Procter & Gamble.

Whether you pick stocks or invest in mutual funds, these types of "blue chip" stocks should form the basis of most people's portfolios. Some investors, though, may want to boost returns by buying what's called "growth" stocks. These are often small companies — with a market capitalization of under $1 billion — they're in cyclical sectors that outperform during boom times and they're companies with incredible growth. They are more volatile than blue chips, but, as the famous investing adage goes, risk equals reward.

It's actually a good idea to hold both. Large-cap stocks tend to appreciate slowly, though the dividend will help boost returns, while the share prices of small-caps can increase quickly. A combination should give you some growth without putting your entire portfolio at risk.

Whatever you choose to buy, make sure you're purchasing a company that isn't going to implode in the short-term.

So do your due diligence. Read what's on Morningstar.com — a popular investing website that analyzes stocks, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds — seek out analyst reports and comb through financial reports. If you don't have the time, talk to an adviser or buy a mutual fund, where the managers pick the stocks for you.

Ask any expert and they'll tell you not to try and time the market. If you stick to solid businesses that will perform well in any economic environment, then your portfolio will eventually rise.

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**Terminology**

## *Know your numbers*

If you're checking out a potential buy online, here are three numbers to look out for.

**P/E:** A company's price-to-earnings ratio tells people how much an investor is willing to pay per dollar of earnings. Very generally, a P/E ratio lower than the market P/E means a stock is cheap; if the metric is above, the company may be expensive.

**Dividend Yield:** This number tells you how much money the company is giving back to shareholders. It often has two numbers next to it — the first is the dividend per share, the second is the annual yield.

**Price:** The share price is, of course, important, but it shouldn't drive your investment decision. Apple costs $576, but it's trading at a cheap 13 times P/E. Look at the share price, then look at metrics such P/E to determine if the company is worth buying.

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- Effective immediately, all strippers and bartenders are not into you, and are instead faking it because it's their job. Unless you're really, really sure, in which case you're the exception, lover boy.
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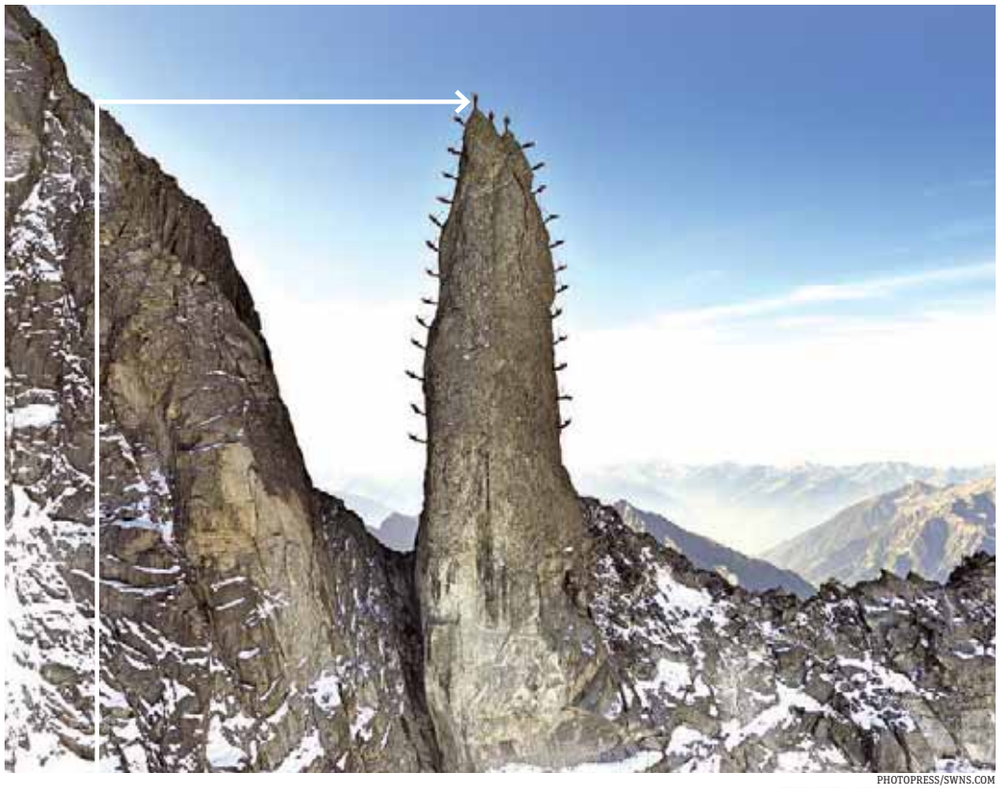
# They have topped Mount Symmetry



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**Mountain photo op**

## Climbers hang in sync on peak

A team of climbers created this display by symmetrically scaling this needle-like mountain. The crew of 28, from across Europe, travelled to Italy to take on the daunting Ago del Torrone, known as Cleopatra's Needle.

But instead of waiting until they all reached the vertiginous peak, they paused while in perfect symmetry. METRO

**Photographer's view**

**"It took me about half a year to organize and prepare for this photograph. Everything from safety, taking the photo from a helicopter to weather conditions came into play."**

Robert Boesch
Swiss mountaineering photographer

**Inspirational summit**

## Aim was 'something very strange'

For mountaineer and photo organizer Robert Boesch, inspiration came from simply, "trying to do something new, something very strange."

"For some time now, I have concentrated on taking photos of climbers in unusual positions on rock faces," he said.

"It makes the photo truly striking and memorable — that's what I wanted." METRO

Boesch and the climbers spent roughly six months getting ready for this stunning spectacle. THOMAS SENF/PHOTOPRESS/SWNS

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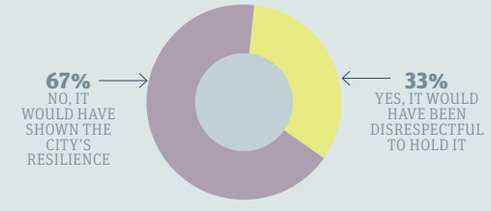


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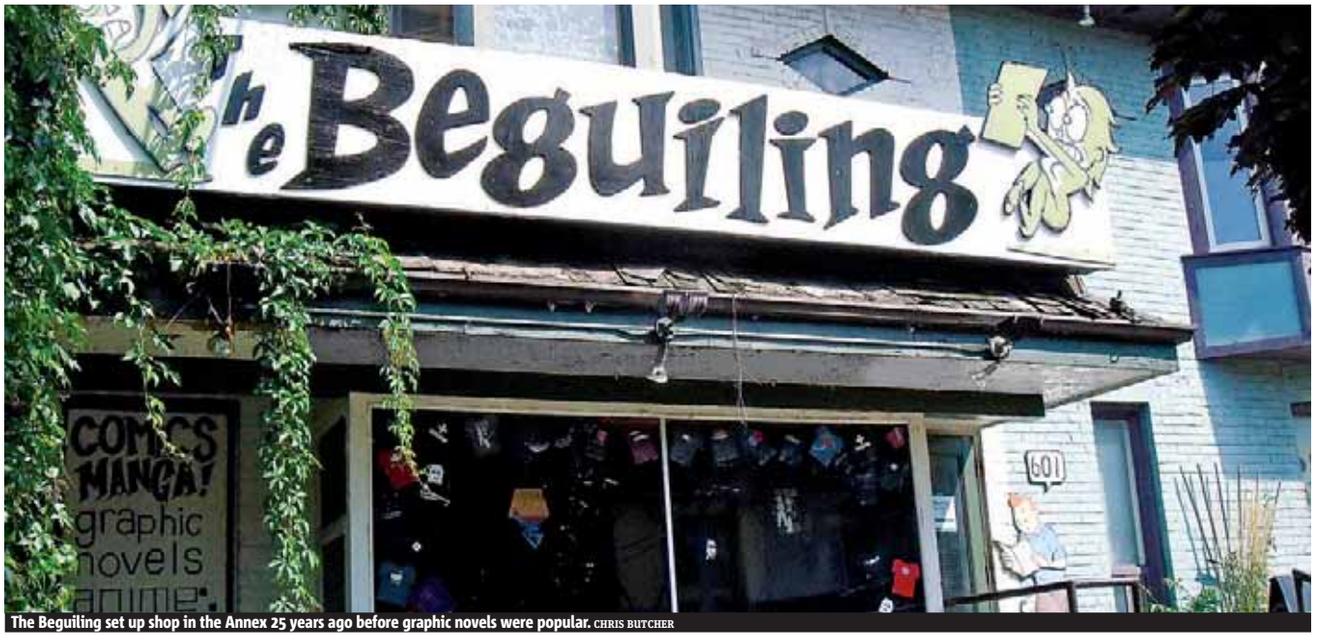

The Beguiling set up shop in the Annex 25 years ago before graphic novels were popular. CHRIS BUTCHER

**Anniversary.** Comic shop celebrates 25 years of out-of-the-ordinary fare Monday

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Twenty-five years ago, the idea of a superhero movie topping the box office seemed ludicrous.

So a store focused on small press black and white comics about normal, everyday people was downright crazy.

But that's just what Toronto comic-shop The Beguiling was when it opened its doors on Harbord Street, across the street from Central Tech, back in 1987.

"A shop that didn't focus just on superheroes was a very strange thing," confirms Peter Birkemoe, the store's current owner.

"We threw our lot in with graphic novels before there were enough to fill a store."

The Beguiling celebrates a quarter century in business with an event Monday at the Bloor Hot Docs Cinema.

Before buying the shop, Birkemoe was an avid customer.

"I was a comics fan eager to check out any new store in the city."

Disillusioned with the superhero genre — he says that the Watchman, Alan Moore's dark deconstruction of caped crusaders, pretty much summed up the genre — walking into such a unique space was like a breath of fresh air.

A satellite store was opened on Queen West before both shops were consolidated at The Beguiling's current home in Mirvish village. In 1998, as its previous owners were looking to sell, Birkemoe, a chemical engineer by trade, stepped in and took over.

In the 14 years since, graphic novels have taken off: Chapters stocks them on their shelves and films like Ghost World, Kick Ass and A History of Violence, all of which started life as comics, have found love from fans and critics alike.

"(We) had taken a stand with comics as a thing to read and enjoy over a thing to collect," says Birkemoe.

Thankfully, that philosophy lined up with popular taste.

The Beguiling 25th Anniversary Event — Nov 12, 8:30 p.m. at the Bloor Hot Docs Cinema. Tickets are $10.

**Top talent**

In honour of his store's 25th anniversary, Birkemoe invited three scene titans to the Bloor Hot Docs Cinema on Monday night. Chris Ware, Adrian Tomine and Charles Burns will all present excerpts from their new books Building Stories, New York Drawings and the Hive. Birkemoe knew all three author-illustrators would be in New York for the Brooklyn Comics and Graphic festival and got in contact with their publishers to secure a Toronto appearance. "Although the store does many things now," he says, "these authors are precisely the type of people and the type of work that for me are why I started shopping here and why I bought the store."

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Ne-Yo performing in Las Vegas. CHRISTOPHER POLK/GETTY IMAGES

# Ne-Yo paints town R.E.D. to celebrate his musical blessing

**Busy man.** New album finds the R&B stalwart in reflective and thankful mood and saying it's his most well balanced project yet

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In the time since his last album, Ne-Yo has become a father for the second time, hit the big screen with a role in the George Lucas-directed Red Tails and recently took on the job of senior vice president of artists and repertoire at a little company known as Universal Motown (a job that music legend Smokey Robinson once held).

But even with a full plate, he says he is focused on making sure his newly released set R.E.D. — which stands for Realizing Every Dream is a success. He sounds quite content as he speaks about how art imitates life with the new album's title.

"I started setting a lot of dreams and aspirations for myself," he says about his childhood. "I wanted to win Grammys. I wanted the respect and appreciation of my peers. I wanted to travel the world behind my music and provide for my family. I can honestly say that from (the age of) nine until now at 33 years old, just about every dream I set for myself has been realized through music. This album is a celebration of that blessing."

On what he calls the most well-balanced project of his career, R.E.D. is split between R&B and dance tracks in an effort to satisfy his entire fan base. The result is an album equally as useful in the bedroom as it is in the club.

The singer/songwriter has been outspoken about the lack of passion in today's R&B. Yet even with his criticism, he is quickly able to point to a few artists that get him going.

"I love what Frank Ocean is doing with the R&B right now," he says. "He definitely has a different take on it. That's a good step in the right direction. I love what Miguel is doing."

Ne-Yo also admits that the criticism he offered to Trey Songz was premature.

"I had made some comments about Trey that I have to retract and apologize to him. I hadn't listened to Chapter V yet," he says of Songz's latest work. "He is putting the passion back in it. His performance is definitely there. There are steps (being made) to getting (R&B) back there. We just have to keep it going."

With his new role at Motown, Ne-Yo hopes to be able to do just that. He also says he likes the idea of being a part of history.

"I'd like to be instrumental in the revitalization of Motown," he says, "and more importantly ... I'd like to be able to take the knowledge that I have acquired and be able to pass it down."

**Humble roots**

- **Love of music.** Ne-Yo says that although he enjoys performing, what has always been more important to him is that he actually has a song that's worth performing. "At nine I discovered the beauty of songwriting," he says. "I didn't know if I was going to be an artist. I didn't know if I was going to play an instrument but I knew it was going to be music."

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# Whose bed were Lincoln's boots under?

**Biopic.** Set in 1865, the revered U.S. president shares an ambiguous moment with an aide as he stresses over his duties

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Daniel Day-Lewis plays Abraham Lincoln in Steven Spielberg's Lincoln
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Late in Steven Spielberg's Lincoln, when Honest Abe (as played by Daniel Day-Lewis) is wrestling with the decision to press ahead on getting the 13th Amendment passed, he pays a late-night visit to the sleeping quarters of John Hay, a young aide (played by Joseph Cross).

There's much affectionate thigh-patting and hair-tousling. In the scene, Hay asked if Lincoln would like any "company" that night. Which got us to wondering: Was that scene meant to be seen as a subtle nod to the wide-ranging theories about Lincoln's personal life?

"You mean was he gay?" screenwriter Tony Kushner offers back with a grin. "I think there's a great deal of reason in the historical record to wonder. There's absolutely nothing definitive," he says.

"Given the number of people in Lincoln's very empyrean realm who were probably or definitely bisexual at least — Michelangelo, Shakespeare, et cetera — I'd say there might be some theory that one could generate that people who really are dealing in that realm aren't as limited by categories as the rest of us. And I think there is some evidence. I mean, Carl Sandburg said it in 1930. There are spots of lavender in Lincoln's early life, is the way he put it."

Sally Field, for her part, is rather particular of Mr. Lincoln, probably because she spent so long playing his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. "I say no he wasn't," she says with a laugh. On a more serious note, she explains that back then, "men were so much more open with their affection for each other. Their letters to each other were, you know, 'My darling, I miss you.' They were extraordinary. 'I long to be in your presence.' And in today's homophobic world, you immediately go to that's where they are. Whether that's where they were or whether they dabbled, who knew?"

As far as Kushner — who won a Pulitzer Prize for the AIDS drama Angels in America — is concerned, this film isn't trying to say one way or the other. "I think that it's a mistake for historians to err on either side," Kushner explains.

"I don't think we should jump into certainty where there is no certainty, but I also think historians should not say, as some have, he absolutely wasn't gay or bisexual. We don't know, and we will never know unless somebody discovers something lying around. So the question is for me, as Sally just said so eloquently at the Human Rights Campaign dinner, so what? Who cares who he wanted to sleep with? He was Abraham Lincoln, a great president."

One thing is for sure though, and that's that during the heated political action of the movie, Lincoln certainly wasn't getting frisky with anyone, male or female.

"In 1865, I feel comfortable in saying in January he wasn't getting laid by anybody," Kushner says. "He was very busy the whole time."

Sure, but what about the scene in question? Even if the movie doesn't want to say definitively one way or the other if Lincoln was gay, was that late-night confab meant to be a nod to the theories about the sexuality of the 16th president? Yes, Kushner later confides to Metro. "You're exactly right."

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Kim Shaw, right, stars as Audrey in the new show Audrey. HANDOUT

# Director explores online world with YouTube channel series Audrey

**YouTube.** Betty Thomas trumpets the benefits of working in a web-series as opposed to the perils of traditional TV

Director Betty Thomas neatly sums up the benefits of making a low-budget online series: A lack of high-level meddling.

"There's no network saying, 'Oh, Betty, I'm not sure viewers will like that character if she picks that banana up,'" the Emmy-winning actress-turned-director said. Mention that the character enjoys fruit, she said, and the network comeback may be, "But what does a banana symbolize?"

The independence Thomas enjoyed making Audrey for the WIGS YouTube channel came with its own challenges, including limited resources for the half-dozen episodes that are seven to eight minutes long.

"You get whoever you can force to work for no money," she said.

She had the advantage of cajoling previous collaborators including Gary Cole, whom Thomas directed in the big-screen flick The Brady Bunch Movie (1995).

Audrey, about a woman whose great passion in life is food, also allowed for the discovery of relative newcomers Kim Shaw, who plays Audrey, and screenwriter Leah Rachel. New episodes debut Monday and Friday through Nov. 16.

Shaw "is so spectacular in the piece. She came out of nowhere for me but really works in ways I couldn't have imagined," Thomas said.

Rachel is "such a hip girl, with a voice I never heard before, certainly a voice I've never been able to direct before, a young, free voice."

Thomas, who won an Emmy for Hill Street Blues before turning to directing — with the 1997 Howard Stern film Private Parts among her credits — is equally enthused about the veterans behind WIGS.

Launched last March, WIGS is the brainchild of filmmakers Jon Avnet (Black Swan, Fried Green Tomatoes) and Rodrigo Garcia (Albert Nobbs, TV's In Treatment).

WIGS is an acronym for the channel's tagline, "Where it gets interesting."

The programming, including original series, short films and documentaries, features lead female characters and stories that the channel vows will be provocative and "addictive."

"Many people are doing web series, but not in the way Jon and Rodrigo are, being supportive of women ... It's an exciting place to be," Thomas said, adding, "It's crazy, it's hard," but it encourages creativity.

Some in the entertainment industry are reluctant to get involved in online projects because they don't see any profit potential, Thomas said. She believes that will change. "In the long run, there is going to be money in it."

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**Director Betty Thomas**
Talking about the advantages of her show

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# Nice girl warms to playing bad girl role

**Interview.** Krysten Ritter talks about why she thinks she is so good in her role on Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23

Talking to Krysten Ritter, you quickly realize she's happy, bubbly and fun. So how did such a nice girl get cast as anything but on ABC's Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23?

"Maybe that's why they picked me to do it," Ritter said in a recent interview.

She cites one of her favourite quotes by Bette Davis.

"Why am I so good at playing b—es? I think it's because I'm not a b—. Maybe that's why Joan Crawford always plays ladies."

On Don't Trust the B—, now in its second season (Tuesday), Ritter plays Chloe, a con artist who spends her time scheming to make an easy buck.

She shares a Manhattan apartment with a Midwesterner named June. At first Chloe just wants to scam June out of her money, but ends up softening to her.

"I think I bring lightness to (the role). I'm girly and I like to have a good time and joke around and I think that helps the character not just be evil. I think there's two different ways you can play this character. You could just be an evil, mean person or you could make it fun," the 30-year-old actress said.

On the show, Chloe's best friend is a fictionalized version of actor James Van Der Beek, played by Van Der Beek.

"I love him. I've loved getting to know him. We talk all the time. We spend every minute together when we're on set. Even when we're in our trailers. We talk on the phone. He's become like a great man in my life," she said.

Ritter appeared on Gilmore Girls and Veronica Mars, but is probably best known for her short-lived role as Aaron Paul's girlfriend on AMC's Breaking Bad who dies of a drug overdose.

"I did Breaking Bad thinking, 'No one will see this. I'll just do it because it's awesome.' And it's turned out to be like the biggest credit I have in my career."

Don't Trust the B— was introduced earlier this year as a midseason show.

"I did a Gossip Girl spin-off which was supposed to be this huge thing and it was not good and didn't work and it didn't get picked up. So I stopped thinking about results and I did the pilot for this and I loved it and I had a great time but ... I had no expectations."

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**"Why am I so good at playing b—es? I think it's because I'm not a b—"**

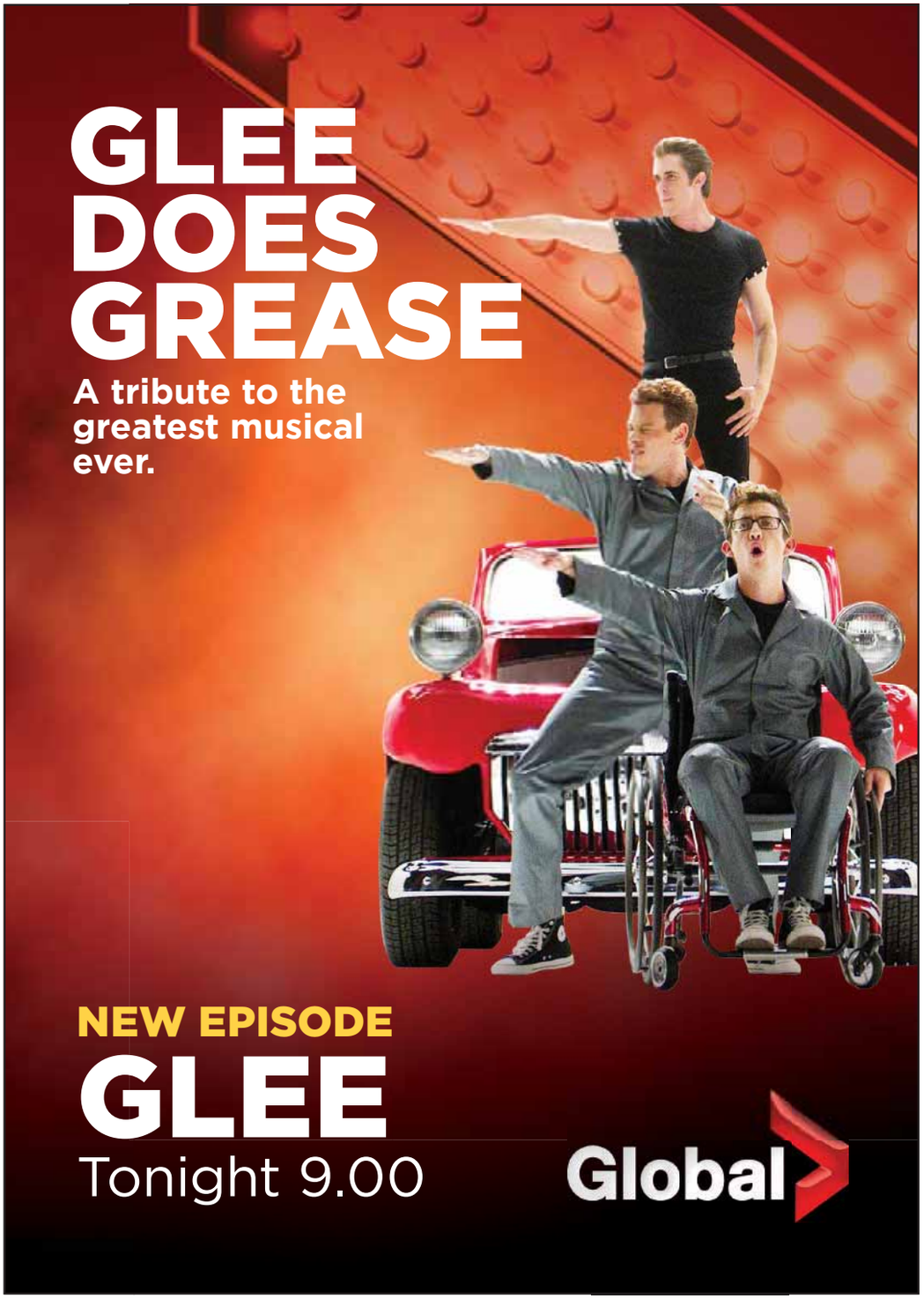
**Krysten Ritter**
Citing a Bette Davis quote while talking about her role on Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23

**Ritter**

**Until a few weeks ago, Krysten Ritter didn't even own a TV set, so she hadn't seen her own show.**

- **Quote.** "I didn't even know how this DVR thing worked. ... It's crazy. I work in television and I haven't seen any of it."
- **TV.** Now that she has one, she says she completely understands the appeal of the show.

American actress and former model Krysten Ritter stars in the comedy series Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23. DAN HALLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# Hyenas, tigers and balancing a bear-sized budget, oh Pi!

Life of Pi director Ang Lee. AP PHOTO/WALLY SANTANA

**Rich in story.** Director Ang Lee talks about task of keeping art house film mainstream

Oscar-winning director Ang Lee said Wednesday that he worked hard during the four-year shooting of Yann Martel's Life of Pi to give the $100 million art house film appeal for general audiences.

The movie stars Indian Suraj Sharma, who plays a boy who drifts on the open sea with a Bengal tiger and a hyena after a ship carrying the rest of his family sinks.

"As an art house film, you can explore the philosophical issues," Lee said at a news conference. "But for a popular film, we also need to make the audience feel touched and that was the difficult part."

Lee said initial reaction to the film had been positive, leaving him to conclude that his "risky experiment" would be a success. A major problem in the filming, Lee said, was coping with animals on a roiling sea, a problem Lee solved by filming in 3D. "As a new technology, 3D gives the film additional appeal," he said.

Much of the film was shot in Taiwan, Lee's home. He said that one of the key settings — a large water tank built at a studio in the central city of Taichung — allowed the 150-strong foreign crew to use its imagination freely and not be restrained by traditional Hollywood production values. "I was relieved that they enjoyed their work in Taiwan. We couldn't have made the film if it were not here because of all the help we received," Lee said.

The film will premiere in the U.S. on Nov. 21.

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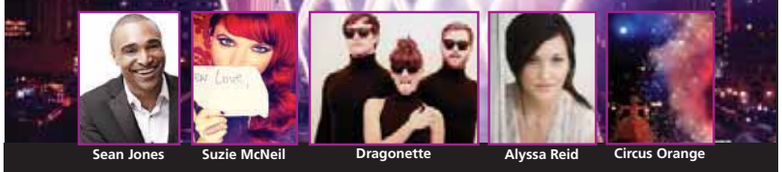

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Barry Levinson, director of such modern American classics as Diner, The Natural and Rain Man, makes a surprising venture into the horror realm this week with The Bay, an unnerving fright fest about a coastal July 4 celebration that goes horribly wrong. Since this is such a departure for Levinson, we were curious to find out what his five favourite horror movies were. He was nice enough to take the time to answer in his own words:

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# 5 Horror favourites

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The eternal Exorcist. ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

### The Exorcist (1973)

The Exorcist has some gutsy filmmaking. If you go back and watch it, pretty much nothing scary happens for the first 45 minutes. It's just slowly building tension. Then the daughter comes downstairs in the middle of her mother's Georgetown cocktail party and urinates on the carpet in front of all the guests. It's an incredible moment and the movie just goes from there. It's not trying to have fun with the horror like a lot of the films of today. It suggests that this very well could have happened.

## 2

### Frankenstein (1931)

Don't think you can overlook the original Frankenstein. Great design for a monster. Classical form. And one of the great understated scenes of tension when the monster comes upon a very young girl. She accepts him without question. And we just wait for something terrible to happen.

## 3

### Diabolique (1955)

The 1950s French film directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot. As far as I know, no one was doing horror/thriller with as much originality as this film at the time. The story takes place at a boarding school in the French countryside where a schoolmaster's wife and his mistress conspire to kill him. When they do, the body disappears and a series of strange and disturbing events occur. This film has some fantastic imagery and incredible psychological tension.

## 4

### Psycho (1960)

Again, all the great horror movies remain great because they did something outside the box. Killing a movie star as big as Janet Leigh was unheard of. Nobody did that. And to do it in the shower like that. It has now become an iconic moment. I actually made a good deal of fun of it in High Anxiety, but I remember my mouth kind of dropping when I saw it. I heard Hitchcock tried to grab the rights to Diabolique and lost out to Henri-Georges Clouzot. In turn, he made Psycho a few years later and used some of the great imagery Diabolique used with water, bathrooms, death.

## 5

### Let The Right One In (2008)

I don't know if I would label this one strictly horror, but it certainly is terrifying. And touching. Tomas Alfredson is one of the many talented directors coming out of Sweden right now and this one works so well because it's as interested in character as it is in horrifying moments and imagery. Shot against a cold, icy landscape, it's as much a love story between the two children as it is a vampire film.

# Heidi on the carpet

## Galliano drama

Klum counts this glamorous gown by John Galliano among her favourites.

## Worst is best

You'd think Klum might have second thoughts about this outfit. You'd be wrong.

# HEIDI KLUM

Supermodel Heidi Klum will host of the upcoming MTV European Music Awards in Frankfurt this Sunday. We chat with her about the pressure of red carpet dressing and how she's prepping for her upcoming gig.

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**What made you choose Versace for your wardrobe for the MTV EMAs?**
A music awards show is very different from say, the Oscars. MTV is hip, young and fun. The Versace dresses I'll be wearing aren't glamorous gowns. They're short, hot and cool. Very rock and roll. When I saw what Donatella sent, I thought, "This is it!" Some of the pieces had to be made especially for me because the ones straight off the runway, don't always fit me. I'm not that thin.

**Dressing up for an awards show must come with so much pressure! What are a few rules that you normally stick by in order to avoid bad photo-ops and worst dressed lists?**
I'm not a very conservative person. I like to stay true to myself and stick to my instinct. When I fall in love with an outfit, I just go for it. I don't care what people are going to say.

**When you look back on your awards show red carpet looks, are there any that you wish you could banish from the Internet forever?**
No, even though people have put me on the worst dressed list a few times. I always think, "I liked the way I looked that day." Sometimes people go back 10 years and they're like, "Ha ha! Look what you were wearing!" Fashion changes. Maybe that hairdo and that kind of dress were really cool 10 years ago, but not today. I'm in fashion. I wear what's current, fun and trendy.

**What was your favourite red carpet moment of all time?**
I've worn so many great dresses so it's hard to pin it down to one. I've had Roberto Cavalli cut me out leather pants into super tiny shorts or there was this crazy lime green dress I wore with turquoise thigh-high boots. I've also gone to the Oscars with a beautiful red Galliano dress and a gigantic bun over my head.

**What make-up items will you have on hand to get you through the night?**
Blotting paper as I'll probably be sweating a lot with the lights. I don't like to over powder, it's too much. I'm a heavy lip licker when I get nervous and I keep licking my lipstick off. So I'll be applying lipgloss nonstop or wear a lip stain that just stays on.

**What's the worst thing that could happen to you on live TV?**
If my dress were to split open and I'd be standing there … butt naked — on live TV. That would be pretty embarrassing.

**Dream night**

**On Heidi's dream MTV EMA's night she would...**

**Co-host with "Justin Bieber.** I love him. He's so cute."

**Listen to: "No Doubt, Pitbull, Muse, The Killers, Taylor Swift, Fun.** and Carly Rae Jepsen."

**Hang out with: "Carly Rae Jepsen and get an autograph for my daughter.** I'd be a cool psycho mom for that."

**Have a drink with: "Gwen Stefani.** We'd have a beer and a catch up."

**Eat: "I always end up having too much schnitzel, sauerkraut and sausages when I'm in Germany.** So I'll probably gain a few pounds"

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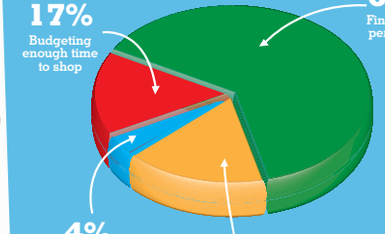


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Taylor Lautner. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Lautner weighs in on the troubles of his co-stars

Since he's starred in all five Twilight films with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, it was only a matter of time before Taylor Lautner was asked to weigh in on Stewart's cheating scandal that broke this summer.

An interviewer for Cosmopolitan magazine got him to open up, though Lautner chose a very diplomatic route for his response.

"To be honest, I've never been involved in any of those situations, so I don't know if trust can be regained," he said.

"It would be just a guess and a shot in the dark, and I don't want to give that if I haven't even been there myself."

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart.

## Stewart playing coy on relationship

Looking for official confirmation that Twilight stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson have really reconciled in the wake of her cheating scandal?

Well, the woman herself isn't being much help in that department. When asked during an interview on the Today show if she and Pattinson are back together, she says, "Funny you mention that. I'm going to just let people watch whatever little movie they think our lives are. Keep 'em guessing, I always say."

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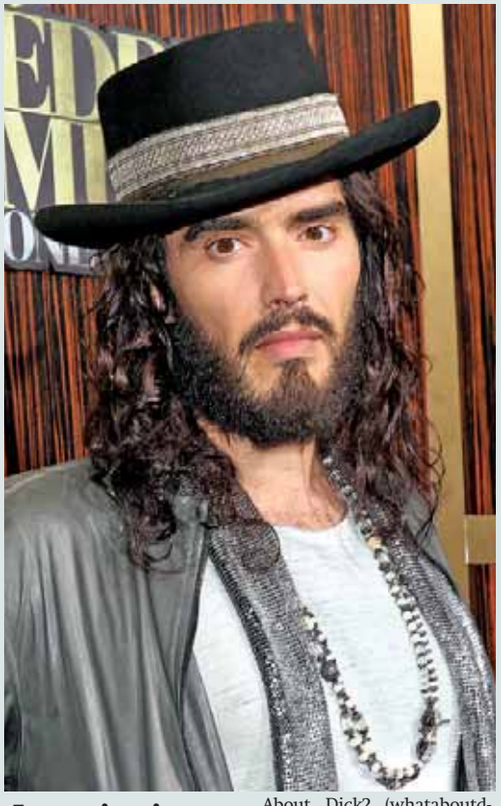

## *Interviewing Russell Brand, one tweet at a time*

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

I've arrived at a publicist's office in Hollywood to chat with British comedian Russell Brand purportedly about his participation in What About Dick? (whataboutdick.com), a radio play-style stage show written by Monty Python alum Eric Idle.

But Brand has never been known to stick to the topic at hand. He enters with a banana, singing, "And I get so doggone lonesome."

He sits down, peels open the banana and says, "Come on in, mate. What do you need to know?"

Follow our conversation over the next few days at twitter.com/russellsmusings.

Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green.

## Brian Austin Green credits Witherspoon for his cover up

Brian Austin Green and Megan Fox managed to keep the birth of their son a secret for more than a month.

And he says all the credit goes to Reese Witherspoon, as the world was too busy cooing over her newborn to notice, he tells Ryan Seacrest during an interview.

"We got really lucky," he says. "And I've been wanting to send Reese Witherspoon flowers for, like, a month and a half. She actually gave birth, I think, the day before us in Santa Monica."

**Twitter**

**@kirstiealley**
thank you for purchasing my book..it was a labor of labor and love...sweet dreams...see you tomorrow

**@JKCorden**
I just did a fake laugh to someone when they told me a political joke i didnt really get. Happens almost everyday.

**@MariahCarey**
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# Cocktail trouser hour

**The look.** Cocktails needn't be the only thing in need of a shake and stir. See this season's glitzy trouser, which replaces the little black dress.

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Trousers to a cocktail party? Here are a few reasons to give them a try: 1) Pants are more liberating and easier to dance in than a tiny little dress. 2) They're chic in a slightly unaffected, androgynous kind of way and 3) This season's flashy, embellished versions are bang on trend thanks to Stella McCartney, Jonathan Saunders, Miu Miu and a long list of others who worked the look into their autumn/winter collections. Go for a pair that is sufficiently showy. Think shiny metallics, textured brocade or trippy graphics. Wear them to the office with a button-down and blazer before changing into a festive top and skinny heels for night.

**Fashion dictionary**

- **Brocade.** A rich, intricate, jacquard-weaved fabric with a raised design, often in a gold or silver thread.
- **Jacquard.** A decorative weave created on a jacquard loom for damask and brocade fabrics.
- **Damask.** A figured fabric with a pattern that is self-coloured and visible on both sides.

### Topshop

diamond jacquard trousers, $120, topshop.com

Jonathan Saunders' girls get their cocktail legs. CONTRIBUTED

Poppy Delevingne on parade in brocade. MICHELLE BOBB-PARRIS

### ASOS

premium floral trousers, $79, asos.com

### H&M

burgundy pants, $50, hm.com

### Miu Miu

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**@Jeanne_Beker: Today's news about Ghesquiere leaving Balenciaga has everyone buzzing. But don't we all know that in fashion, the only constant is change?**

**@MaisonMinelle:** I'm curious to see who replaces him.

**@DUY_Collection:** But, his style is so unique. It will make a big [hole in] the world of fashion. It makes me really sad.

**@Jeanne_Beker:** He'll surface somewhere else!

**@Jeanne_Beker: Ironic they call it UNITED States of America. Nothing "united" about it these days! Here's to hope+another 4 years for Obama to work it.**

**@rednex50:** at least this time he won't have wall street and auto industry collapses to deal with. Onward and upward

**@thetomatosnob:** well said!

@Jeanne_Beker: With dapper @SteveAnthony @ CP24, modeling a Versace vest donated by Off The Cuff. Sale tonite, 6-8!

@Jeanne_Beker: More fun on @EDITbyJeanneB set for the @AdditionElle plus size campaign. Tara Lynn is my hot model!

The Kit

# Canadian street style

Spotted in: Montreal

## Doris Mattar

## Owner of Ponyride and yoga aficionado

## Age: 35

**What she's wearing**
Designer's Remix knit sweater, blouse and jeans. Locale booties

**Her inspiration**
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# Strike a cord

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And no, they're not just for fusty old professors ... or Woody Allen for that matter.

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The vertical ribs that run down cords are referred to as wales. The name derives from Middle English meaning "to mark with stripes". Sixteen ribs to an inch is known as a pinwale.

A wide wale, eight ribs to an inch, is often used on casual trousers. Thicker wales have a richer colour and are considered to be more casual.

Bulk up: Skinny chaps can add clout to a look with a thicker wale.

**Gucci slim-fit corduroy trousers**
$610
mrporter.com

**Polo Ralph Lauren forest green Suffield straight cords**
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my-wardrobe.com

**Zara slim fit corduroy trousers**
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- 2 tbsp (30 ml) fresh lime juice

**Shrimp**
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil, divided
- 2 tsp (10 ml) fresh lime juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) each ground coriander, paprika, ground cumin and brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) each sea salt and dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne
- 1 lb (500 g) large shrimp, peeled, with tail left on
- lime wedges

**1.** Sauce: In a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, fresh ginger, lime zest and lime juice. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 6 hours.)

**2.** Shrimp: In a small bowl, combine 1 tsp (5 ml) of the oil, the lime juice, coriander, paprika, cumin, brown sugar, salt, oregano and cayenne. In a large bowl, evenly coat the shrimp with the mixture. Cover and marinate at room temperature for 20 minutes. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 hours.)

**3.** In a large skillet, heat the remaining 2 tsp (10 ml) of canola oil over medium-high heat. Stir-fry the marinated shrimp until bright pink (no longer opaque) and just cooked through, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve hot. Arrange on a platter with the sauce for dipping; garnish with lime wedges.

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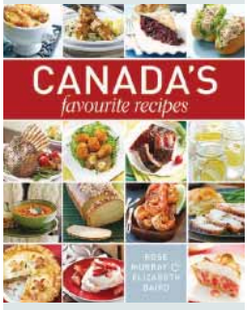


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# YOUNG, VIBRANT AND BOOMING

## MISSISSAUGA IS AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY

It is, perhaps, a historical pattern — the tendency of populations to pick up and move west.

For decades, Mississauga has been a prime destination for Torontonians seeking the suburban dream. For Gary Kent, the move to Mississauga included a jump across the pond.

Kent, now the director of corporate strategy and innovation for the city of Mississauga, moved from Glasgow, Scotland, in 1995. "I will never forget visiting Mississauga and actually looking through the recreation and parks programming book, thinking, 'Wow, I wish I had those opportunities when I was a young kid.'"

Mississauga's booming population has roughly tripled since its incorporation in 1974, and Kent points to a few key reasons for this growth. "It's young, it's vibrant," he says. "We've got great community facilities if you're raising a young family and that was something that attracted me here. I think there's something for everyone."

Managing such expansion, of course, brings challenges in transit, funding and evolving communities, and Kent points to upcoming waterfront revitalization projects, discussions about light rail transit, and a five-pillar strategic plan to guide this evolution. With a new Sheridan College campus in town, Mississauga expects to welcome up to 8,000 students to the downtown core by 2015.

Not all Mississaugans are recent arrivals. Lena Almeida — social media strategist and writer at listentolena.com — has lived in Mississauga since the ripe old age of one. She has witnessed the city's prosperity flourish in such a short time.

"I love that it's retained the suburb feel, even though the population has boomed," says the mother of two young boys. "People are flocking west of the city but it hasn't got the 'big smoke' reputation yet."

And she notes that "a lot of the spaces in Mississauga have retained free parking."

"We can get everything, right now, within a five- to 10-minute drive," Almeida says. "Hospitals, schools, shopping, restaurants, activities for the kids … everything is so close and accessible."

*– Nina Dragicevic*

# ON THE MARKET

So who's buying in Mississauga?

Bruce Witchel, sales representative for Sutton Group-Summit Realty and a top agent in Mississauga, says today's buyers are a "continuation" of Mississauga's usual buying trends.

"It's still primarily first-time buyers, or first-time 'move up' buyers," he says. "Someone who has already purchased their first condo, townhouse or starter home, and are now moving up to the next level."

Witchel notes that Mississauga attracts buyers who can't afford Toronto prices — or just want more for what they're paying.

Joe Terceira, sales representative for Re/Max Legacy Realty and host of Real Estate 101: The Home Buying & Selling Show, points out that "with the new Sheridan College near Square One, we're getting a lot of students going to the condos there."

"The couples are still coming to Mississauga," Terceira adds. "We're seeing the young couples, as well as the older, mature couples who are downsizing. There are some people still upsizing — let's not forget that Mississauga has some large homes."

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**2560 STRATHMORE CRES. — MISSISSAUGA**
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This lovely three-bedroom detached home is nestled in the heart of central Erin Mills — Bruce Witchel (Sutton Group-Summit Realty) says it's perfect for a move-up buyer who wants to live in prime Mississauga near absolutely everything. Luxurious details include colonial trim, curved staircase, fresh paint, gas fireplace, hardwood floors and elegantly formal living and dining areas. Witchel calls this home "a rare gem" with gracious principal rooms in its 2,307 square feet. The eat-in kitchen with stainless steel appliances features a walk-out to a beautiful backyard. Nearby school districts are top-ranking, Witchel notes, and this property is close to the Streetsville GO Station.

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**1002-2556 ARGYLE RD. — MISSISSAUGA**
**$269,900**

A gorgeous condo in south Mississauga, says Joe Terceira (Re/Max Legacy Realty), that would suit students, first-time homebuyers, or anyone looking to downsize into the condo lifestyle. A private balcony on this corner unit offers stunning views of the city. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an open-concept living, dining and kitchen combination boasts beautiful décor. This 1,300-square-foot unit shows like a dream, Terceira says. Absolutely ideal for those looking to live in the core of Mississauga — mere steps to transit, close to schools (including the new Sheridan College campus) and Square One shopping, with access to Highway 403 and QEW.

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**4678 CROSSCREEK COURT — MISSISSAUGA**
**$439,000**

This outstanding Greenpark Freehold would be ideal for a first- or second-time buyer who wants a great home with a huge backyard and finished basement, which is also close to everything in central Mississauga, says Bruce Witchel (Sutton Group-Summit Realty.) This home boasts three bedrooms and two bathrooms in roughly 2,500 square feet, including finished basement with recreation room and office/den. Updates include new roof and windows. The spacious living room with fireplace walks out to a fully fenced backyard, and the sunny eat-in kitchen features ceramic floors. Witchel calls it "a perfect place to call home" — close to nature, shopping, major highways, and transit.

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This past September, The Daniels Corporation hosted its preview sales event at FirstHome™ Long Valley Phase Two.

The response was overwhelming, with homeowners lining up for days in advance to have the opportunity to purchase in this highly desirable community located at the northwest corner of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Thomas Street in Erin Mills.

It's not too late. You too can become part of the success. Visit FirstHome™ Long Valley Phase Two this Saturday from 1-4 p.m. for an open house, where you will have the opportunity to receive a one-on-one tour of the overall community as well as view a model of every home design, including fully furnished models before purchasing.

There is an excellent selection of fully-built condominium suites priced from $288,900 and condominium townhomes priced from $395,900. Plus, for a limited time, Daniels is offering an incredible $5,000 bonus incentive. But that's not all, purchasers can move in as early as 30, 60 or 90 days.

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Act now, these homes won't last long. Call or visit the FirstHome™ Long Valley Phase Two sales office today to speak one-on-one with a FirstHome™ specialist to discover how you can realize your dream of home ownership. Call 905-814-0123 or visit danielsfirsthome.ca.

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## TAKE A STEP INTO THE DANIELS LIMELIGHT

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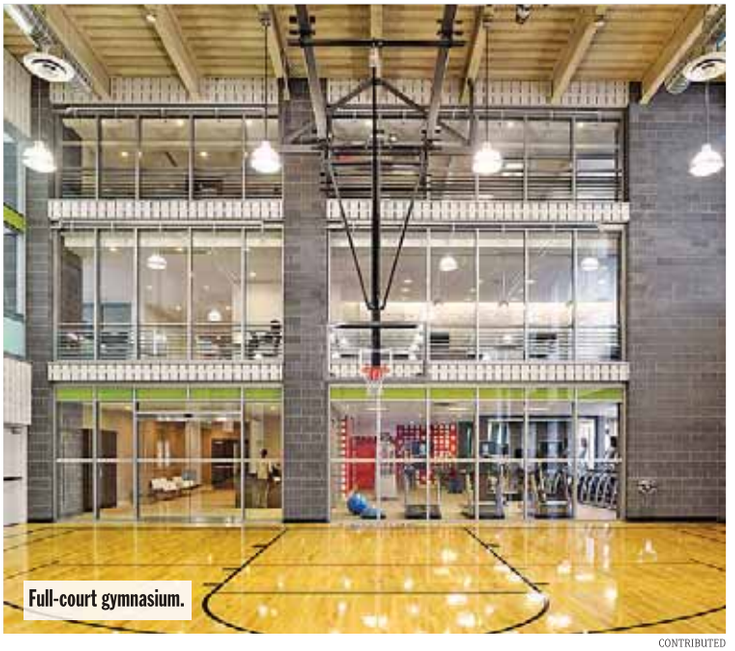
Full-court gymnasium.

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Green means "go" at The Daniels Corporation's Limelight Condominiums in Mississauga's City Centre, where a brand new limited time offer makes it easier than ever to own at this phenomenally successful residence.

With glowing green rooftops that reflect the environmental sustainability of Limelight and only a few choice suites remaining, the focus is now on the "Spotlight Package." With this fantastic limited time program Daniels is reducing your closing costs to zero, reducing one full year of mortgage payments to zero, plus, allowing you to buy with only a five per cent deposit — and that's it.

One of the Greater Toronto Area's most exciting residential destinations, the award-winning Daniels' City Centre is a 23-acre master-planned community that features pedestrian-friendly pathways, tree-lined streets, a community park, public art and so much more. Ideally located within one of the most amenity rich locations of Mississauga, residents will be at the centre of it all.

Limelight is nearing completion, and purchasers can move in this year. To envision your life at this sought-after residence, you can tour a beautiful fully-furnished model suite and 12,000 square feet of incredible amenities at Club Radiance, featuring a gorgeous party room with an outdoor terrace and outdoor billiards table, and a multi-purpose 27-foot-high full-court gymnasium and the community gardening plots — both offering something truly unique to Mississauga.

But that's not all Limelight has to offer. Inside suites features beautiful finishing appointments including nine-foot ceiling heights, and gourmet kitchens with granite kitchen countertops and stainless steel appliances, bamboo hardwood flooring and an all-off switch. There is still an excellent selection of suites available at Limelight, ranging from studio suites priced from the $200,000s, to two-bedroom suites priced from the $400,000s — spectacular value for this remarkable locale.

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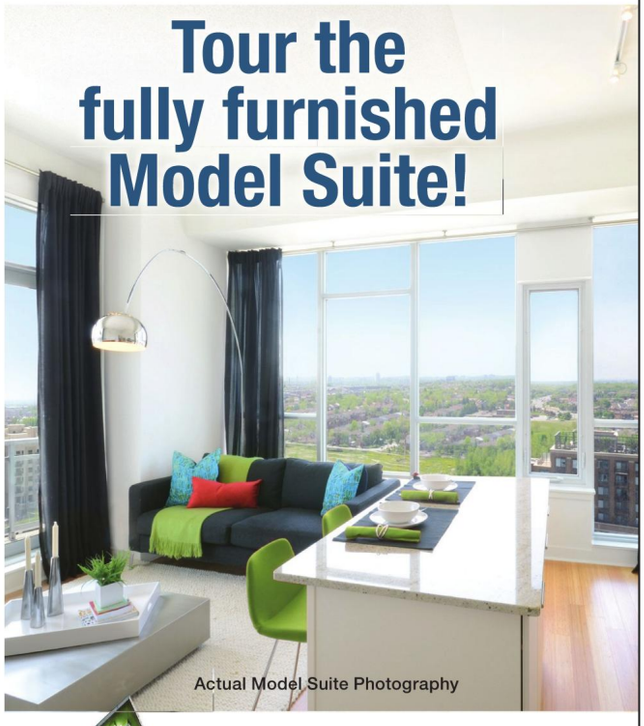

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# GET THEM WHILE THEY ARE HOT

## GREAT GULF WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ABOUT HOMES

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The name says it all: HOT Condos in Mississauga. HOT stands for "Home Ownership Today," and that's exactly what Great Gulf has in mind with this incredible residence located on the corner of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Eglinton Avenue, where prices will begin from the $200,000s.

Fashionistas, take note — owners will be close to the popular Erin Mills Town Centre, as well as parks, schools and a plethora of services and community attractions, all within a few minutes drive.

To rock this incredible location, Great Gulf enlisted the celebrated Toronto firm Quadrangle Architects to come up with hot architecture for the three four-storey residential buildings that will make up the community. Colourful landscaping will frame these modern residences, which surround a central parkette complete with playground equipment — perfect for families with young children.

Inside, discover a world of awesome designer amenities that come without the high maintenance fees of tall towers. All three buildings share a secure, well-lit parking garage.

Phase 1 will feature a fully equipped fitness centre and party room/lounge with a fireplace and full caterer's kitchen. Just outside of this inviting multi-purpose space, owners can host barbecues for friends and family.

The suites boast spectacular features and finishes selected by the internationally renowned interior design firm Cecconi Simone. Among the interior highlights are approximately nine-foot ceiling heights, laminate wood flooring, imported ceramics, plush broadloom, contemporary designer kitchen cabinetry, three stainless steel kitchen appliances, and a chic custom-designed bathroom vanity. In addition, each suite features a fabulous patio, balcony or terrace (as per plan).

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For more than 35 years, Great Gulf has been creating neighbourhoods that continually change the way people think about homes. To date, the company has built more than 40,000 beautiful homes in innovative communities across the Greater Toronto Area and beyond.

Save the date. The HOT new presentation centre will open its doors Nov. 24 at Eglinton and Metcalfe.

HOT Condos suites will be available in one-bedroom, one-bedroom plus den, two-bedroom and two-bedroom plus den layouts, in sizes from 520 square feet to 1,251 square feet. Prices start from the low $200,000s and include one parking spot. Occupancy is slated for October 2014.

For more information, contact hotcondos@greatgulf.com.

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**471 BRISTOL RD. W. — MISSISSAUGA**
**LISTED: $527,000**
**SOLD: $515,000**
**TYPE: CONDO TOWNHOUSE**

This stylish and elegant townhome boasts a spacious 2,260 square feet and three bedrooms in a prime Mississauga cul-de-sac. Bruce Witchel, of Sutton Group-Summit Realty, says this property's exquisite details include gracious entryways, luminous hardwood floors, nine-foot ceilings, gas fireplace, California shutters, a sun-filled living area, gorgeous kitchen, and two master bedrooms with four-piece ensuite bathrooms and walk-in closets. Conveniences include a two-car garage with inside access, CAC, CVAC and Internet wired throughout. This prime location, Witchel says, offers instant access to transit, shopping and major highways – and a short jaunt to Mother Nature.

**CREDITVIEW AND BRITANNIA ROADS — MISSISSAUGA**
**LISTED: $499,000**
**SOLD: $485,000**
**TYPE: DETACHED RAISED BUNGALOW**

This detached raised bungalow nestled in the heart of Mississauga boasts an open-concept living and dining room combination. Joe Terceira, sales representative for Re/Max Legacy Realty, calls this "fantastic living" with a top-notch location and access to all amenities. Three bedrooms, three bathrooms, finished basement with kitchen, hardwood floors on the main level and walk-out from the lower level — this home comes from the original owner. The fully fenced yard has west sunny exposure, says Terceira, and it's within walking distance to fantastic Heartland shopping. Close to schools, Credit Valley Hospital, highways and Brae Ben Golf Course.

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**41-470 FAITH DR. — MISSISSAUGA**
**LISTED: $459,000**
**SOLD: $450,000**
**TYPE: CONDO TOWNHOUSE**

An abundance of upgrades are offered in this stunning "Carrington Woods End" townhome. Sutton Group-Summit Realty's Bruce Witchel points to many delightful features in 2,029 square feet, including three bedrooms and four bathrooms, featuring a master ensuite with a tub for soaking and separate shower, a living room with gas fireplace and walk-out to deck, gleaming maple hardwood floors, nine-foot ceilings, and an upgraded kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Transit and a plaza are mere steps away; meanwhile fabulous shopping at Heartland and Square One shopping are still close to home. Easy highway access.

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# Pier-less waterfront living

Pier 27 condominium offers waterfront views. SUBMITTED

## Meet the condo

- **What.** Pier 27
- **Builder.** Cityzen and Fernbrook
- **Location.** 25 Queens Quay E.
- **Website.** pier27.ca
- **Sizes.** From 675 to 4,466 sq. ft.
- **Pricing.** From $460,000 to $5,178,000

## The project overview

A world-class waterfront condominium with spectacular views of the city, water and sky. Pier 27 offers a wide range of floor plan layouts that maximize space and integrate design, form and function.

## Location and transit

Located in one of the best locations on the Toronto waterfront, Pier 27 is minutes to Billy Bishop Airport and Union Station, as well as the Gardiner Expressway, Lakeshore Boulevard and the Don Valley Parkway.

## In the neighbourhood

Walking distance to the financial district, the St. Lawrence Market, the Air Canada Centre, Rogers Centre and the entertainment district. Close to Harbourfront and the Island Ferry docks, with many restaurants along Queen's Quay.

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## *Counting cranes means counting jobs*

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President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta, facebook.com/bildgta and bildblogs.ca.

Those of you who have read some of my previous columns already know that I am a strong believer in the economic benefits that the building and development industry brings to our cities.

While I can list a number of great things new developments bring to a city — such as infrastructure, tax revenue and investment value — the most immediate impact is in the employment sector. According to the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA), last year alone saw 193,300 new jobs created in the GTA by the new home construction and residential renovation industry.

In recent months, we've been trying to put a number on the amount of jobs represented by each construction crane and after talking to a bunch of our members, we are looking at anywhere between 300 and 500 new jobs per crane.

Judging by the amount of cranes currently building new homes for residents of the GTA, I think it's safe to say that our industry is one of the largest employers in the region.

In fact, CHBA has stated that in 2011, we are responsible for more than $10 billion in paid wages, which show up as purchases all over the GTA.

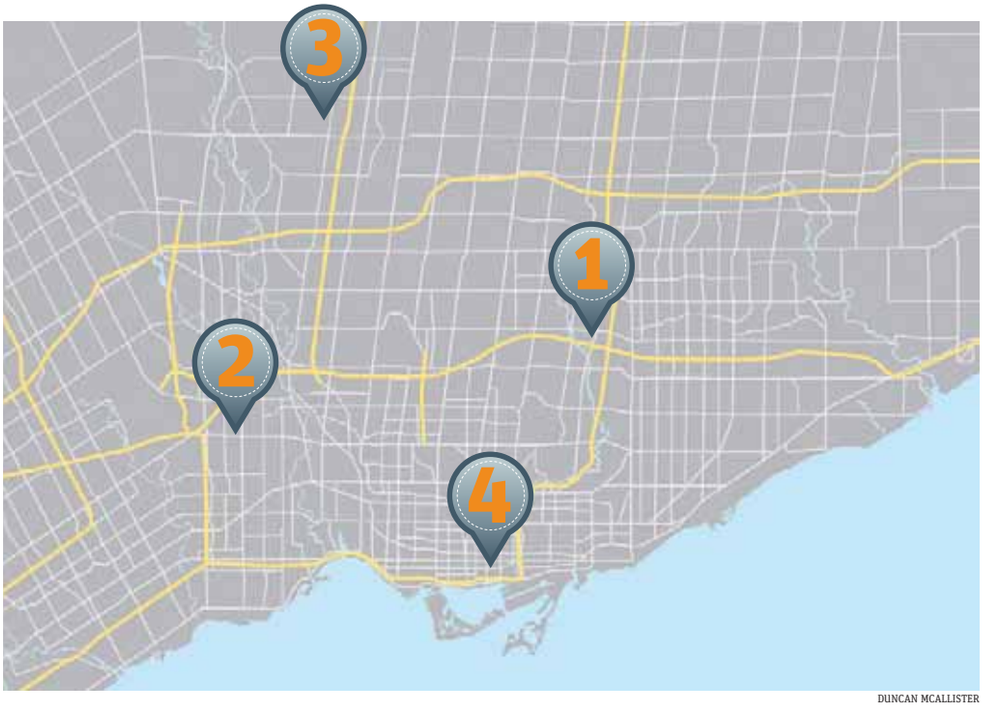
You can expect to see a lot more cranes and jobs in the coming years, judging by the success of the high-rise market in 2011 and 2012. The latest housing market statistics have shown that demand for high-rise condominiums in the GTA remains strong, with year-to-date sales at the end of September being third-highest on record at 19 per cent above the long-term average.

A more recent example of continued demand for condominiums is last weekend's successful launch of Ten York — a much anticipated project by Tridel, in partnership with Build Toronto. After the much-anticipated launch on Saturday, social media sites have shown that the crowds have still not settled as of Tuesday, with purchasers browsing the sales office of the 65-storey, 695-unit project on Toronto's waterfront.

This massive project is joined by Eau du Soleil in Etobicoke. Created by Empire Communities, Eau Du Soleil is set to be one of Canada's tallest waterfront condominium communities with two towers rising to 66 and 45 storeys.

Rounding off the Big Three is the 44- and 48-storey King Blue by The Remington Group. The largest of the three at 807 units, the downtown project has also recently launched and will attract an array of buyers looking to make downtown Toronto their new home.

# What's hot on the condo market

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### 1. North York

New Release: Widdicombe and Eglinton townhouses. Check it out at 4780 Eglinton Ave. W., Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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### 2.Eglinton west

Now Open: Dream Tower model suite at Emerald City condos. South east corner of Sheppard Avenue and Don Mills Road.

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### 3. Vaughan

Grand Opening: Pure Living townhouses. Weston Road and Major Mackenzie Drive West, in Vaughan, Nov. 10 from 12 to 5 p.m.

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### 4. Downtown

Open House: Friday Harbour, Home design preview. The Flatiron building, second floor, 49 Wellington St. E., Nov. 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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# Exploring the faux look of nature

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One of the hottest trends in decorating has natural elements incorporated in a room, like wood, stone and fur. A country or modern look can take on an authentic and relaxed feel with a few of these elements.

Natural elements help keep a room's colour scheme neutral, yet add texture and interest.

Here's a grouping of on-trend, natural-looking decor products with a twist.

You see, all of these hot decor times are faux. There's no fur, wood, stone or wool here, so go ahead and get the look — the only thing real is the affordable price.

## Leather

Add a warm, casual look to a fancy chandelier with the look of saddle leather. Faux Leather Chandelier Shades, $22, crateandbarrel.com.

## Wool

Get that lodge look with the romance of the Hudson Bay point blanket — in cozy flannel. Flannel Multi-Stripe Sheet Set, $225/queen set. thebay.com.

## Animal skin

Cover your floors with whimsy and style with a trendy animal skin rug. Exotica Tiger 3x5 all-wool rug, $112, ecarpetgallery.com.

## Wood

Water resistant and easy-to-install wood-look vinyl floors give the warmth and character of a New York brownstone at a fraction of the price. Allure Chateau Vinyl Parquet, $3/square foot homedepot.ca.

## Birch

Sip a drink from what looks like a birch tree branch. Canadian Birch Straws, $14/box, anthropologie.com.

## Fur

Add a touch of luxury to the corner of a sofa or the end of a bed. Spotted Lemur Faux Fur Throw, $99, urbanbarn.com.

## Stone

Simple stone shapes offer a contemporary feel to the bathroom. Stone Resin Bath Accessories, $5-10, cb2.com.

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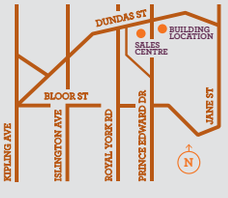


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Natural disinfectants

# Cleaning for the flu season

**Do natural cleaners disinfect well enough for flu season? -Samantha, Medicine Hat**

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With flu season upon us, toxic cleaners can seem tempting. But natural alternatives like vinegar will usually do the trick.

Of course, there are exceptions. (Pseudomonas, for example, is a strain of bacteria that doesn't react to vinegar and that can be problematic for folks with cystic fibrosis.) If you're concerned about the nitty-gritty, do consult a health-care professional.

Assuming you are in good overall health, natural cleaning agents are a great choice, even when the flu bug strikes.

The two most effective natural disinfectants are vinegar and hydrogen peroxide.

White vinegar found in most supermarkets is a five per cent concentration and kills about 80 per cent of germs. It's increasingly effective at higher concentrations, so look for seven per cent pickling vinegar. Buy a couple of bottles and stock up!

Vinegar will do the trick. ISTOCK IMAGES

Hydrogen peroxide is simply water with an extra oxygen molecule ($H_2O_2$). Unlike chlorine bleach, it breaks down into oxygen and water and is kind to the environment. For most applications, hydrogen peroxide should be diluted to a three per cent concentration, which is how it's usually sold in pharmacies. Store hydrogen peroxide in a dark bottle out of direct sunlight.

On their own, vinegar and hydrogen peroxide are each strong germ killers. Used in combination, they're even better.

According to research published in Science News, this pairing is 10 times more effective than disinfecting with either substance alone and more effective than bleach in the kitchen.

Here's the catch: Mixing them together cuts their germ-killing power, but using one after the other works well.

**So when flu season hits, take a one-two approach:**

1. Wash hard surfaces with vinegar.

2. Spray the same surfaces with a three per cent hydrogen peroxide.

It doesn't actually matter which disinfectant is used first, but for best results, apply one immediately after the other and let the surface dry. (Don't wipe the vinegar or the hydrogen peroxide away.)

Flu season is never fun, but at least disinfecting to keep the germs at bay doesn't have to be toxic.

# The secrets of dry cleaning revealed

**What is dry cleaning? How does it work? Is it really bad for my clothing or is this a myth?**

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Here's a hint: It's more like wet cleaning. ISTOCK IMAGES

I never really actually understood what dry cleaning was until I learned from my friend Jeremy Creed that dry cleaning has nothing to do with dry — but is in fact wet — just the opposite of what we think about it.

Clothes that are dry-cleaned will not go near water, but are in fact traditionally submerged in a dry-cleaning liquid. The most common of these chemicals is perchlorethylene, more commonly known as perc. Garments are submerged in perc for a short period of time.

The chemical removes the dirt from the garment and the garment is then dried, pressed and packaged for the customer.

Today, many dry cleaners also use different cleaning systems such as the commonly known wet cleaning systems. These actually use water in combination with different dry cleaning chemicals.

This wet cleaning system still isn't good for everything, but is slowly improving and getting better and better while becoming increasingly popular with professional dry cleaning companies.

Last but not least are the home dry cleaning kits. I personally have never been happy with the results. Particularly if you have a good piece of clothing that is expensive and a classic item you want to keep for many years.

What makes the dry cleaner so good at his or her job is not just the cleaning portion, but what happens to the garment after it has been cleaned. This includes steaming, pressing and packaging the item so that it stays at its very best.

Finally, I personally wouldn't use dry cleaning every day on all of my clothes, but there are times when it is absolutely necessary to dry-clean garments and times when it's not. I say everything in moderation and if you are going to pick a dry cleaner, make sure they are reputable.

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A bouquet of fresh cut flowers next to a rural mailbox near Langley, Wash. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# The perks of growing a cut flower garden

Cut flower gardens are attractive options for those who don't like removing the best blooms from their borders and beds for indoor display.

The bouquets also open new avenues for creativity along with becoming something personal to share. And perhaps best: The cuttings can grow into a profitable sideline.

"Ours is a hobby gone berserk," said Gail Burr, who with her husband, Steve, operates Everlastings and Time Country Gardens in the Finger Lakes region of central New York.

"We always had an interest in gardening so when we retired, we started selling our bouquets and arrangements," she said. "The Canandaigua (N.Y.) Farmers Market is our primary venue, although we also sell for weddings."

The price of a Burr garden bouquet runs $8 and climbs to around $25 for something larger, like a hospital spray.

"In my mind, flowers that bring beauty into the home should be affordable." Burr said. "Typical florist prices are precipitous for many."

The roots of cutting gardens go back to the Victorian era or to wealthy landowners who grew flowers for the manor house, said Debra Prinzing, author of The 50 Mile Bouquet (St. Lynn's Press, 2012).

"That's what we think of as cutting gardens," she said. "One row of sunflowers, one of snapdragons, one row of zinnias. Now, though, we're looking at adding cutting ingredients to natural gardens. There's enough variety there that you wouldn't have a bare spot."

Which blooms are best for bouquets? The choices are vast, and include annuals, perennials, bulbs, fruits, vegetables and flowering woody stems. Think lilacs, zinnias, peonies, mums, hydrangeas and sunflowers. Don't forget roses, dahlias, cattails, succulents, kale, grasses and lilies.

Many people have begun planting perennials in their cutting gardens with new genetics that produce tougher plants, more blooms and longer flowering times, said Anthony Tesselaar, president and co-founder of Tesselaar Plants, in Silvan, Australia.

"Once cut, these newer plants come back with even more flowers that grace the garden," Tesselaar said.

**Some suggestions for prolonging the beauty of cut botanicals:**

- Cut the flowers when they're dew fresh in the morning rather than wilted from the afternoon sun.
- Use sharp shears to prevent crushing the stems, which reduces the flow of water to the blooms.
- Use a commercial floral preservative to acidify the container water. Homemade formulas include table sugar and bleach. "Adding some lemonade also extends the life of the water," Tesselaar said.

**Growing a cutting garden is one thing. Knowing how to create a stunning display with the cut flowers is quite another. Here are some tips:**

- Use a dominant flower or flowers. Many designers prefer working with uneven numbers, Prinzing said.
- Insert a vertical feature, such as a flowering branch or some ornamental grass.
- Drape the arrangement with "spillers" (vines, foliage, fruit) that soften its look.

Cut flower gardens boost the longstanding tradition of garden-to-garden sharing, Prinzing said.

"I have a friend who saves inexpensive glass vases," she said. "When someone leaves her house, they always leave with a bouquet of roses from her house." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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**"In my mind, flowers that bring beauty into the home should be affordable. Typical florist prices are precipitous for many."** Gail Burr of Everlastings and Time Country Gardens

A roadside stand with bouquets of cut flowers for sale near Langley, Wash. The dew-fresh bouquets are priced at $5 each and will last when placed in water as long as a week. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Chandeliers: Things are looking up

**Lighting.** With various designs, chandeliers are like pieces of art that cap off the dining room

Some interior designers tout paint as the best way to change the look of a room. For Lisa Roberts, "It's lighting. ... It's more bang for the buck."

With the holidays approaching, a new chandelier could be a fun and affordable way to make over the dining room, said Roberts, a Minneapolis designer who organized a chandelier fashion show at the home and garden show in that city earlier this year.

Michelle Jennings Wiebe, president of Studio M Interior Design in Tampa, Fla., agreed, saying a dining room should be about more than the table and chairs.

"You really need that piece that caps it off and makes it special," she said. "It's almost like a piece of artwork."

Chandelier shoppers have plenty of choices these days. Chandeliers come in a variety of styles, and can range in price from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands.

"We have a lot of fun picking them out," Wiebe said. "It's a way to make a special impression."

New manufacturing techniques have led to the creation of designs and shapes that previously were not possible, said Joseph Rey-Barreau, an architect and lighting designer and a professor at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Trends include jewel tones, geometric-inspired pieces, retro fixtures and the use of lamp shades, these lighting experts said.

Roberts included several colourful chandeliers at her show. She favours deep jewel tones, and showed one piece made out of black cut crystal. A chandelier can add sophistication or whimsy to a home, she said.

The decor featured on the television show Mad Men has created more interest in Mid-century Modern, said Wiebe, and many of her clients are choosing slim, sleek pieces reminiscent of the 1950s and 1960s.

In Florida, shell, coral and other nature-inspired lighting also is a common choice, she said.

Shannon Cantor so appreciates the seashell-inspired chandelier in her condo in Redington Beach, Fla., that she put a variation of it in her second home in Tampa. She said she and her husband wanted something they would enjoy looking at every day.

"We walk by it a lot," said. "You want something that grabs your attention. It's going to be there for a long while."

Rey-Barreau called lamp shades on chandeliers "a very, very fashionable trend," from lights surrounded by a single, round drum shade (a little like a hanging table lamp) to a group of mini drum shades covering each bulb. Some chandeliers have removable shades, so you can use them or not.

When helping clients choose a chandelier, Wiebe considers the size of the room and the style of the home. But she also reminds them that the fixtures have a job to do.

"First and foremost it's for lighting," she said.

For instance, will a table with lighting overhead be used mostly for eating or will children be doing homework there?

"You really need to think about what you are going to do with the fixture," said Rey-Barreau.

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A shell chandelier inspired by nature in a coastal dining room.

STUDIO M INTERIOR DESIGN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Chandelier tips**

- Always put chandeliers on a dimmer switch. This makes them more functional and can help set a mood in the dining room.
- To determine what size chandelier is needed, add the width of the room to the length of the room in feet, and then convert that number to inches for a chandelier's diameter. A 10-by-20-foot room, for instance, would require a chandelier with a diameter of about 30 inches.
- In a room with eight-foot ceilings, chandeliers are normally hung about 30 inches above the table. For every additional foot of ceiling height, raise the fixture three inches.
- When shopping for a chandelier ask whether it is part of a "lighting family." Some manufacturers have developed series of fixtures designed to complement each other. The line may include other options for consideration for other rooms.

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# 3 decor lines we're watching

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News in New York City

## 1 Pretty plates

We're loving Mateus, a fantastical and colourful ceramics company from Sweden. "Twenty years ago there wasn't any color on the table," explains designer and CEO Teresa Lundahl about the company's start. "I'm from Portugal and I had married a Swedish man and didn't have a job." So the former model decided to combine fashion colours she'd seen on Paris and New York runways with the traditional ceramics from her homeland for a whimsical tabletop collection. Now, her one-of-a-kind pieces, which are handcrafted in Portugal, are sold worldwide. They're perfect as wedding or housewarming gifts, or just to liven up your boring leftovers.

## 2 Zara invades your home

Zara is our beloved go-to for fashion-forward pieces perfect for nights out, job interviews, and just about anytime you want your clothes to lie about your paycheck. Now the brand has expanded its awesome repertoire. Last week marked the debut of zarahome.com, which features home decor that'll make your apartment just as chic as your wardrobe.

## 3 Dansk Kobenstyle returns

Kobenstyle, the iconic Scandinavian enameled cookware designed by Jens Quistgaard in 1956, is back. You've drooled over its high-gloss colours, cool sculptural handles and inventive lids that double as trivets in vintage stores, and now you can buy them brand new. Crate and Barrel is carrying the stylish line.

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# Weekend warriors: Now's the perfect time to get some work done around the house

**Indoors.** With a little guidance, you can get your home in shape by Monday morning

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

If you look around your house or apartment and start to list all the improvements you could make, you might just give up before you even start.

Home improvements can be overwhelming when you approach them all at once.

Now that the temperature has dropped, take a weekend here and there to tinker on various indoor projects and you'll be surprised how much you accomplish.

**1. Install a simmer switch**
This takes very little money and just a basic understanding of wiring.

Or check out YouTube to watch the experts do it. You'll want to install a dimmer — and set the mood — in every room of your house.

**2. Rethink storage**
Break out of the drab cupboard and expose your dishes, spices, and canned soups.

Open-shelving can be done in almost any room in the house.

If you want to show off your extensive library just look into DIY shelving kits.

You and your living room just got a lot smarter.

**3. Design a gallery wall**
Pick up a bunch of picture frames in various sizes. You can go to the thrift store or the department store, it all depends on your budget.

Fill the frames with photos, clippings, scrap wallpaper, whatever you want. Place frames on the floor to figure out how you want to cluster them together.

Go big and take up a whole wall or create small groupings.

It's attention-grabbing and can be done regardless of how much space you have.

**4. Give your backslash some life**
It's impressive what a few vibrant tiles can do to a kitchen.

Play around with pattern ideas and colour schemes, glue those suckers to the area behind your kitchen sink and under your cabinets, and you'll feel like you remodeled the whole kitchen.

**5. Splurge if you can**
This is for those that have the ability to drop some serious cash on their upgrades.

Think about what room you like best. Are you an aspiring culinary whiz in the kitchen or a studious worker in the den? Do you primp for what seems like hours in the bathroom?

Find your favourite spot and make it even better. Install that open range stovetop or television that pops up from behind a bookshelf. Go nuts.

Install a dimmer to set the mood in any room of the house. ISTOCK IMAGES

**Paint refresh**

Commonly recognized as one of the easiest and most cost-effective interior updates, painting is a weekend project that can completely transform your home.

However, low-quality, inexpensive paint will likely require a number of coats to get the coverage needed.

"To avoid increased time and cost, choose a premium line of paint in a colour that you love," says Donna Schroder, the colour marketing manager for Pratt & Lambert Paints.

When choosing paint for your next weekend project, remember that a quality product will achieve the best end result and save you time and money in the long run.

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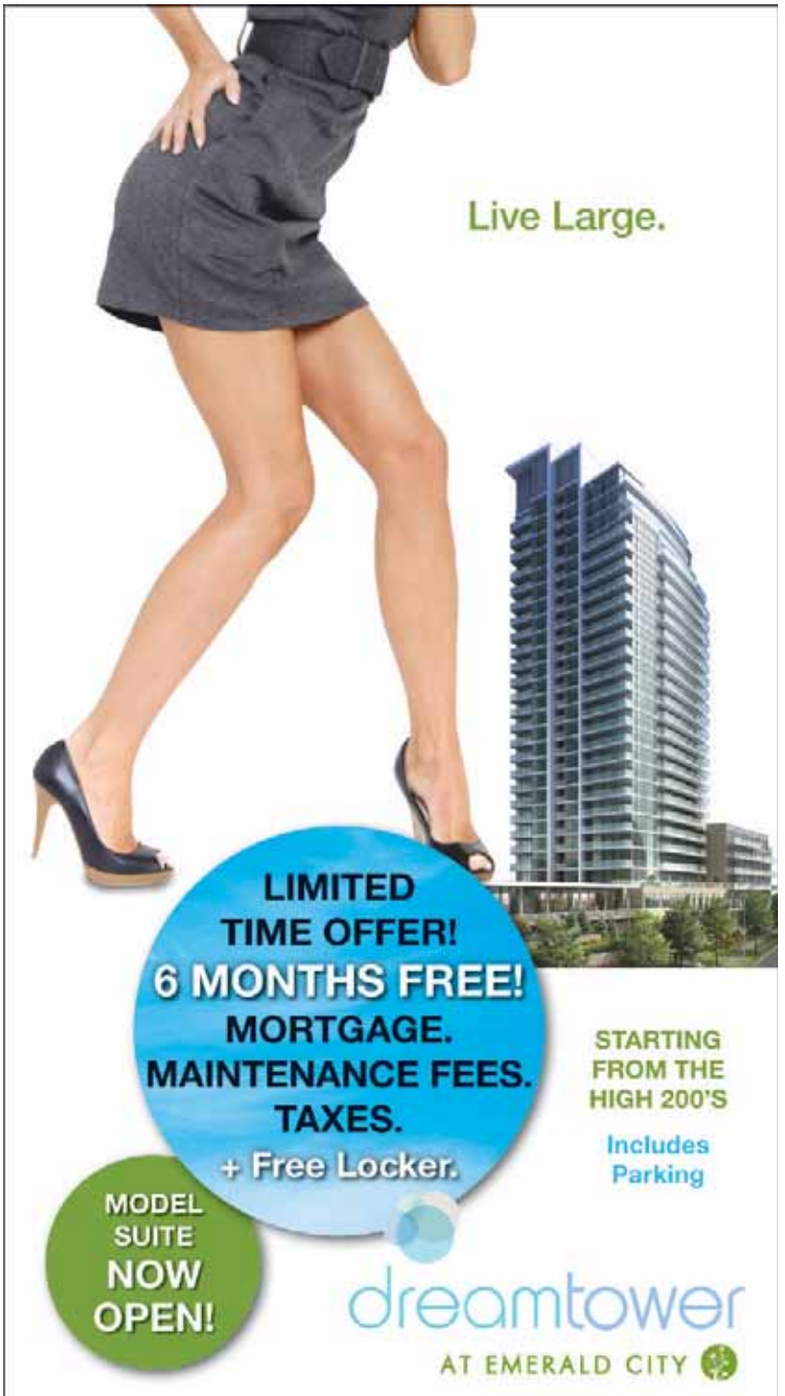

Moving can be tough on kids — especially if they are doing all the heavy lifting. NEWS CANADA

# Help your kids get ready for moving day

The home buying process can be overwhelming, especially for people with children.

"From mortgages to movers, there is a lot to consider when buying a home," says Ron Abraham, president of the Ontario Real Estate Association.

"Homebuyers with children need to think about what is in the area, like schools, daycares, libraries, parks, recreation, and if their location of choice is generally family friendly. A local Realtor is a great resource in the home buying process, as they are familiar with nearby amenities and can help find the right home in a neighbourhood that suits the needs of everyone in the family."

To help get children excited about a move, Abraham recommends that parents include kids in the home buying process by having them look at listings for homes and asking them to make a wish list of must-haves for the new home and neighbourhood.

"Moving can be tough on children, but parents can help make the process easier by planning for it in advance," says Abraham.

He recommends these additional tips to parents planning a home move:

• Visit local parks and recreation centres in your new area to give kids an opportunity to meet new friends.

• Stick to a normal routine as much as possible on days leading up to and following the move.

• Unpack the kids' rooms first.

• Talk to the kids about their feelings on the move and help them collect email addresses/phone numbers from friends in their old neighbourhood so they can stay in touch.

• Take lots of photos of your old house and neighbourhood and plan a goodbye party with all of your old friends.

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## *Title insurance for extra protection*

Selling a home can be a rollercoaster ride of excitement and frustration, usually ending when an offer is accepted. Unfortunately, frustrations can arise when problems are discovered with a home's title — such as outstanding work orders no one knew about or questionable property access rights. However, the selling homeowner may already have the solution to these problems — in the form of title insurance.

"Title insurance provides coverage against problems that could affect ownership or the marketability of the property," said Ray Leclair, vice president of public affairs at LAWPRO. "It's a one-time purchase, made through your real estate lawyer, that protects your legal ownership of the property for as long as you or your heirs own it."

"The key is to buy the title insurance with the assistance of a qualified real estate lawyer when you buy your home," says Leclair "and to know what your policy can do for you, so you have options should a problem arise." NEWS CANADA

# Understanding Toronto's mid-rise condo revolution

Bellefair mid-rise condo in the beaches. HANDOUT

**Condo trends.**
'People are looking for an alternative to high-rise living'

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When you think about Toronto's red hot condo boom, what likely comes to mind is skyscraper point towers and cranes against the sky.

But the rapid proliferation of mid-rise condo developments is becoming a new trend in GTA real estate. You see them sprouting up all across the city and beyond, and for condo buyers, they have several advantages.

So what constitutes a mid-rise? The city of Toronto classifies them as a building having between four and 12 storeys.

Shane Fenton is the VP of Reserve Properties that specializes in creating boutique mid-rise designs in established neighbourhoods.

He says they have much less impact on the infrastructure of an existing neighbourhood as opposed to a 40-storey tower.

"It's a modest sense of intensification, where as opposed to going in with a massive project, the great thing about mid-rise development is it allows you to intensify the city of Toronto on a piece-by-piece basis in a very modest standpoint."

Over the last five to 10 years, if you've wanted to live in a condominium you'd have to relocate to a different part of town.

Compared to high-rises, mid-rise condos are more readily constructed in existing, established neighbourhoods. This allows empty-nesters or their children to purchase housing close to the neighbourhood that they know or were raised in.

"What we're seeing now is an advent or demand from people to want to be closer. They want to have an alternative form of housing style but they still want to be closer to the neighbourhood that they've grown up (in) and that they're connected to where their friends and family are located," says Fenton.

Roland Rom Colthoff agrees.

"I think people are looking for an alternative to high-rise living, so they're looking for a building that fits into the existing neighborhoods that they understand and know and want to be part of, for the shopping reasons, or lifestyle or near a school or whatever it is. And there's relatively limited areas where you can put the new towers."

As an architect and director of RAW Design, Colthoff is no stranger to designing mid-rises in Toronto.

"We have 109 Ossington, we have the Lakehouse and Bellefair in the beaches, we have one called Beach Hill at Woodbine and Gerrard, we have one called Howard Park that just got approved by city council today, out at Roncensvalles and Dundas, and we're looking further afield up to Eglinton and St. Clair. So they've largely been clustered downtown but are spreading out more as people understand the concept better."

## *Dealing with dangerous asbestos*

**I recently purchased an existing house and shortly after closing there was a short circuit in the basement that caused a small fire.**

**When my insurance adjuster came to settle my claim, he indicated that due to the age of the house, they would have to test the walls for asbestos before they effected repairs.**

**In doing so, they discovered that there was asbestos in my basement and now I have a huge job to remediate the area with a special and quite costly team. What can I do about this?**

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The first area to look into is what is covered by your insurance.

I have made enquiries and asbestos removal is generally not covered under home insurance policies.

Presumably, you also purchased title insurance when you bought the house. In speaking with my title insurance underwriter, asbestos would be considered an environmental exclusion and therefore not covered.

The final plan of action would be to determine if the vendor knew about the asbestos and did not disclose it before the sale.

I contacted my questioner and he indicated that he thought the vendor who was an elderly woman probably had no idea of the problem.

Conversely, now that the purchaser has knowledge of the problem, they must disclose the issue and the removal of asbestos to any potential buyer. Which unfortunately leads me to the conclusion that the purchaser will have to pay for the asbestos remediation himself.

There is no way that this could have been detected by a home inspector if it was in the walls of the basement. This is just one of the problems of buying an old home.

A further note is that the homeowner should engage a reputable firm who will properly document the removal so the homeowner has proof in the future.

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# Separating the wheat from the chaff

## In the age of the highest high-rises, breathtaking backdrops are becoming rare

JAY **LIBFELD**

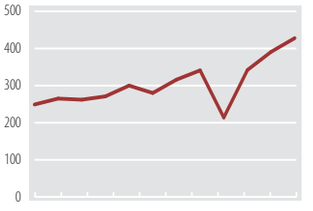
There have been a lot of changes in the high-rise field over the past two decades. Not so long ago, high-rise was a small specialty sub-market aimed at some empty nesters and professionals who wanted a maintenance-free lifestyle in a central location. The housing market then was predominantly oriented to low-rise, and the high-rise component was less than 20 per cent of total sales. That has changed significantly.

Today the GTA has "come of age" and, like other major European and North American cities, condos are a flourishing commodity and often the home-buyer's first choice. In the last few years high-rise sales have consistently exceeded low-rise. The reason is, in part, because of a restrictive low-rise development policy, but also, because high-rise offers significant advantages — great central locations close to shopping, transportation and cultural facilities; freedom from the automobile; wonderful recreational amenities; and, of course, carefree "resort-style" living.

Another factor is price. According to real estate analysts RealNet Canada Inc., the cost of an average new home, as of September 2012, is $623,245 for low-rise and $437,265 for high-rise.

But for anyone shopping for a new condo, the array of choices is bewildering. Currently, there are 428 active high-rise sites being marketed. The following graph puts all of this in context by charting active high-rise sites since 2001.

**GTA: Total Active High-rise condominium sites.**




The numbers represent active sites, as of year-end
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SOURCE: REALNET CANADA

As you can see, the number of high-rises for sale has almost doubled in the last 11 years. So, how does one make an informed decision about where to buy? You can rely on the same criteria we use when choosing a high-rise site to develop: location and views.

Location may be obvious, but it cannot be emphasized enough. Choose a "crossroads" location, where all the action is — at the centre of major intersections, within walking distance of transportation routes and convenience shopping, close to cultural facilities. Be careful, as there are currently many sites out there that I would call "B-grade" because they don't fulfill these requirements. Location is also one of the most important factors in determining resale value and appreciation.

Views are another very important consideration, one that's often overlooked. At the Conservatory Group, we always try to choose sites that guarantee all our homeowners a great view. Although not always possible, it's a major criterion for us before we purchase a new high-rise site, and it should also be yours. When you buy a "piece of the sky," make sure you've got a view of it because that's your window into the world. When my late father, Teddy Libfeld, moved into his condo, he valued the calming effects of Toronto's night skyline, all the way from Thornhill.

The Conservatory Group designs communities to maximize views for the homeowners. A good example is our Milan community, currently under construction at Yonge and Davenport. Milan's north and east sides offer unobstructed views of historic Rosedale Valley, allowing you to enjoy the fall colours right from your living room. To the south, the CN Tower seems within reach, while mere steps to the west is the always-trendy, always-vibrant Yorkville. Face any direction and you will be dazzled. Milan is a single 37-storey glass tower on an 8-storey podium, which maximizes views. Truly, it's a one-of-a-kind opportunity and one — well, four — of the finest views in Toronto.

Milan is now under construction, which should be another of your criteria when purchasing your home: Is the project already being built and when will it be completed? Also under construction is our Infinity community, located between the Rogers Centre and the Air Canada Centre, on Lower Simcoe, a block from Harbourfront, with direct access to the PATH underground walkway system. Infinity was the first condominium community to be built in the area, and we — and all our homeowners — think it's the best one there.

We're currently selling our third and fourth (final) towers, and they're worth checking out. If you're an east-ender, our Altitude community next to the Scarborough Town Centre and McCowan LRT station may be the right choice. It's built and ready to move in. We also have two other prime communities available now — Waterways, a unique site right on the waterfront; and Mirage, a "Mississauga City Centre" condo, in a crossroads location next to Square One.

You can find details on these Conservatory Group high-rise communities below and on the next page. Remember, shop carefully. Buy the best location and best views, and you won't go wrong!

Jay Libfeld is a co-partner of the Conservatory Group.

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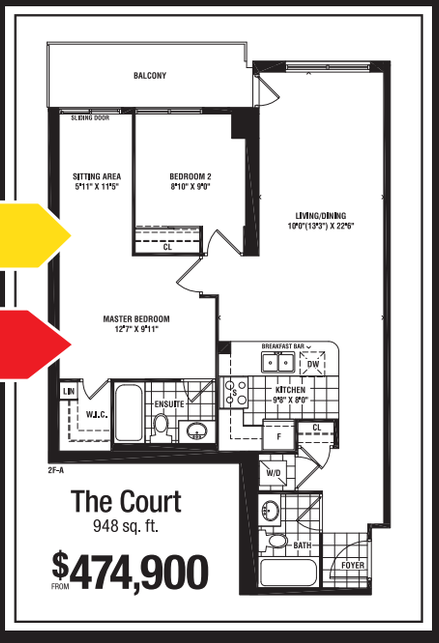


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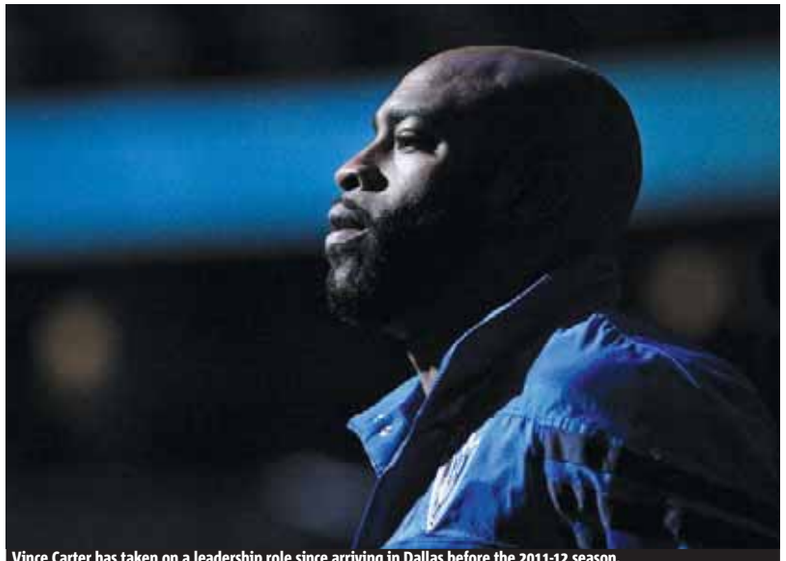
# Mavs' Carter still remembers his first

**NBA.** Former superstar is far from high-flyer he was in Toronto heyday



Vince Carter has taken on a leadership role since arriving in Dallas before the 2011-12 season.
RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The burning question about Vince Carter was always about his heart, his effort, and whether he had it in him to be as great as his jaw-dropping athleticism would allow him to be.

Would he put in the extra hours?

Would he develop every facet of his game?

Or would he be an NBA supernova, one of the gifted few who flash before our eyes and burn out as rapidly, leaving fans to wonder:

Is that all there was?

Well, it's been a decade and a half since Carter became a Raptor as a scrawny 21-year-old. He's now in his 15th NBA season and no matter what you think of him, there is something to be said for the staying power of the Dallas swingman.

"My goal was to play 15 years, I always wanted to," Carter said before the Mavericks hosted the Raptors on Wednesday night. "I don't know why, I just felt that's an amazing career for anyone. I think a lot of the greats played 14 years, if I'm not mistaken, and I figured if I can make it to at least 15 years, that would be a phenomenal accomplishment."

The changes in Carter's game have been stark given the passage of time. He says he "thinks" the game and takes the ribbings from his younger teammates.

"You talk to some of these guys and they say: 'I remember when you were in the dunk contest, I was in middle school,'" he said. "For me, how can I keep up with a guy who was in middle school in 2000?"

Carter's role in Dallas is not ceremonial despite his age. Coach Rick Carlisle called Carter and Shawn Marion "our two best leaders."

"We've really had a great experience with him ever since he's been here," Carlisle said of Carter. "On the floor he's an experienced vet that's done a lot of tough things.... He's a go-to guy right now for us."

The Carter-Toronto dynamic will never be completely forgotten. It's where he became a global star, where he took a young franchise to heights it has yet to match. No matter how it ended — the trade for two washed-up players, another who cost $10 million to go away and a couple of picks — it was glorious while it lasted.

"I had a magical six years from there. Lot of things accomplished, winning the rookie of the year, winning the dunk contest, winning the first playoff game, winning the first playoff series, you can't take that back and that's where it all started for me," he said.

"Whatever I accomplished, it had to start from somewhere. We all remember our first."

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**Quoted**

**"Guys are a lot faster so I have to be a lot smarter. I make sure I know the ins and outs of the game."**

**Vince Carter** on how he's adapted his game in recent years

**Toronto guard down**

**Raptors point guard Kyle Lowry didn't dress on Wednesday night in Dallas and his condition will be reassessed daily, the team confirmed on its Twitter account.**

- Lowry twisted his right ankle in the second quarter of Toronto's loss in Oklahoma City on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

For coverage of Wednesday night's game in Dallas, go to metronews.ca.

**NHL lockout**

## *Have CBA expectations become too high?*

The hardest part, for Gary Bettman and Donald Fehr, might not be negotiating with each other.

Indeed, the commissioner of the NHL and the executive director of the NHL Players' Association may well find negotiating with their own people — who have their own expectations of what a season-saving deal ought to look like — to be the biggest hurdle.

"There has to be some compromise, otherwise there would have been a settlement a long time ago," said George Smith, a former management-side labour negotiator who is now a lecturer at Queen's University.

"There are at least three sets of negotiations going on: The ones across the table and the ones within the owners' group and the players' group. There have been promises made to each of their members to get us to the point where we are today."

For the second day in a row, the NHL and NHLPA went underground to hammer out the issues with an eye on saving the season.

Tuesday's seven-hour session dealt largely with contract issues and revenue sharing, and was said to be the first true bargaining of these collective bargaining talks.

Wednesday's session was scheduled to deal with the most contentious issue: Paying players their salaries in full while at the same time getting the two sides to share hockey-related revenue 50-50.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## MLB. Former Tiger Young pleads guilty in slur case

Delmon Young GETTY IMAGES FILE

Former Detroit Tigers slugger Delmon Young pleaded guilty Wednesday to aggravated harassment for shouting an anti-Semitic slur and tackling a man to the ground outside a New York City hotel last spring.

The 27-year-old, who became a free agent after the World Series, was ordered to complete 10 days of community service and enrol in a program at the Museum of Tolerance New York as part of the Manhattan district attorney's office's restorative justice program. His lawyer didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Young was standing outside of the Hilton New York and was accused of yelling anti-Jewish epithets at a group of tourists, tussling with them and tackling one to the ground in April, when the Tigers were in town to play the New York Yankees.

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**Awards**

## Owens, Cornish stand out among CFL's best

Calgary Stampeders running back Jon Cornish and receiver/kick-returner Chad Owens of the Toronto Argonauts were named the finalists for the CFL's outstanding player award on Wednesday.

Cornish ran for a CFL-high 1,457 yards this season, becoming the first Canadian to lead the league in rushing since 1988.

Owens set a pro football record of 3,863 all-purpose yards and led the CFL in receiving and kickoff returns.

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## NBA. Pippen joined Obama for election-day basketball

Scottie Pippen GETTY IMAGES FILE

Former Chicago Bulls star Scottie Pippen says U.S. President Barack Obama has a "smooth game" on the basketball court.

Pippen described playing basketball with the president Tuesday afternoon in a story on the Chicago Bulls website. He played on Obama's team in an election-day game complete with referees and a running clock. Pippen and Obama's team won the game.

Pippen says the president was "very easy to approach" and says Obama isn't an overly aggressive player, probably because he doesn't want to get hurt.

Pippen says it was the first time he met the president and called it "a very special experience."

Pippen was a member of six Chicago Bulls championship teams.

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Anderson Silva salutes the crowd during UFC 148 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on July 7. The UFC says Silva will be in Montreal to watch George St-Pierre's comeback fight on Nov. 17. JOE BOTTARI/GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Silva will be cageside for GSP comeback bout

**UFC.** Potential superfight challenger will cheer on St-Pierre in his fight against Carlos Condit

Middleweight champion Anderson Silva will be cageside in Montreal next week to watch Georges St-Pierre's comeback fight against Carlos (Natural Born Killer) Condit.

"There's no doubt that Anderson Silva's showing up to cheer Georges St-Pierre on," UFC president Dana White said in a media conference call Wednesday. "He wants him to win this fight and he wants to fight him after."

St-Pierre, the UFC's welterweight title-holder who is returning from knee surgery, dismissed any Silva talk, however.

"I don't care about Anderson Silva," he said. "He can do whatever he wants. He can go to Florida, stay in Brazil if he wants. I'm focusing on Carlos Condit. That's all that matters to me."

St-Pierre (22-2) meets Condit (28-5) in the main event of UFC 154 on Nov. 17 at Montreal's Bell Centre.

A Silva-GSP superfight has been touted for some time.

The 37-year-old Silva, who holds the 185-pound title but has also fought at light-heavyweight (205), and St. Pierre, who campaigns at welterweight (170), are widely seen as the two best pound-for-pound fighters in mixed martial arts.

Silva (33-4) is 16-0 since joining the UFC in 2006.

White has said he expects the two to fight some time, probably at a to-be-determined location and with a catch weight somewhere between their two divisions.

"It's fun to talk about this superfight but I'm sure it's pissing Carlos off every time it's asked," said White. "He's got to get through Carlos Condit first."

Condit won the UFC's interim belt in February, defeating Nick Diaz while St-Pierre was recovering from knee surgery.

GSP was hurt in training last fall, undergoing reconstructive knee surgery in December.

St-Pierre has not fought since winning a decision over Jake Shields at UFC 129 in April 2011, his ninth straight win over the last five years.

St-Pierre says he did not think much of his performance against Shields. But the injury has given him a new appreciation of his sport and he feels reinvigorated.

"I like what I do but I forgot I liked it.... I lost a little bit (of) the fire," he said.

Most bookies have made St-Pierre a 3-1 favourite to win, despite his lengthy layoff.

Condit, 28, says he is no stranger to being the underdog.

"Most fights I'm going into I put myself in that mindset," he said.

"I like playing the role of the spoiler."

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**Quoted**

**"I like what I do but I forgot I liked it.... I lost a little bit (of) the fire."**

**Georges St-Pierre,** who says he now has a greater appreciation for mixed martial arts after injuring his knee in training last fall

**NFL**

## Andrew Luck latest to go bald

Andrew Luck has joined the shaved squad, too.

Nearly three dozen players on the Indianapolis Colts have shaved their heads in a show of support for head coach Chuck Pagano, who is undergoing treatment for a form of leukemia.

Luck became a new member of the no-hair club Wednesday morning. Players and coaches were not available for comment because they were headed to Jacksonville, but a team spokesman confirmed that Luck will indeed look quite different when he takes off his helmet Thursday night.

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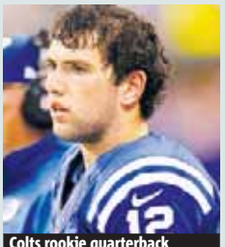

Colts rookie quarterback Andrew Luck
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# NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Milwaukee | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | ½ |
| Chicago | 3 | 1 | .750 | ½ |
| Miami | 3 | 1 | .750 | ½ |
| Orlando | 2 | 1 | .667 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1½ |
| Brooklyn | 1 | 1 | .500 | 1½ |
| Charlotte | 1 | 1 | .500 | 1½ |
| Atlanta | 1 | 1 | .500 | 1½ |
| Indiana | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1½ |
| Boston | 1 | 2 | .333 | 2 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 2 | .333 | 2 |
| Toronto | 1 | 3 | .250 | 2½ |
| Washington | 0 | 2 | .000 | 2½ |
| Detroit | 0 | 4 | .000 | 3½ |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Dallas | 3 | 1 | .750 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 1 | .667 | 1½ |
| Golden State | 2 | 2 | .500 | 2 |
| Houston | 2 | 1 | .667 | 1½ |
| Memphis | 2 | 1 | .667 | 1½ |
| New Orleans | 2 | 1 | .667 | 1½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 2 | 2 | .500 | 2 |
| Oklahoma City | 2 | 2 | .500 | 2 |
| Portland | 2 | 2 | .500 | 2 |
| Sacramento | 1 | 3 | .250 | 3 |
| Utah | 1 | 3 | .250 | 3 |
| L.A. Lakers | 1 | 3 | .250 | 3 |
| Phoenix | 1 | 3 | .250 | 3 |
| Denver | 1 | 3 | .250 | 3 |

Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

**Wednesday's results**
Phoenix at Charlotte
Washington at Boston
Brooklyn at Miami
Indiana at Atlanta
Memphis at Milwaukee
Orlando at Minnesota
Philadelphia at New Orleans
Denver at Houston
Toronto at Dallas
L.A. Lakers at Utah
Detroit at Sacramento
Cleveland at Golden State
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers
**Tuesday's results**
Oklahoma City 108 Toronto 88
Chicago 99 Orlando 93
Denver 109 Detroit 97
**Thursday's games**
Oklahoma City at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
**Friday's games**
Brooklyn at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

## SCORING LEADERS

| | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harden, Hou | 3 | 36 | 27 | 106 | 35.3 |
| Bryant, LAL | 4 | 40 | 18 | 107 | 26.8 |
| Anthony, NY | 3 | 27 | 18 | 78 | 26.0 |
| Crawford, LAC | 4 | 30 | 23 | 96 | 24.0 |
| Irving, Cle | 4 | 35 | 18 | 95 | 23.8 |
| Howard, LAL | 4 | 33 | 27 | 93 | 23.3 |

**Not including Wednesday's games**

# LATE TUESDAY

## THUNDER 108, RAPTORS 88

**TORONTO (88)**
Fields 1-6 1-2 3, Bargnani 5-14 3-3 16, Valanciunas 6-8 6-6 18, Lowry 1-4 0-0 2, DeRozan 2-10 4-4 8, Anderson 1-6 1-2 3, McGuire 3-4 0-0 6, Calderon 2-7 3-3 8, Johnson 1-4 0-0 2, Davis 2-4 2-3 6, Lucas 1-9 0-0 3, Ross 4-7 0-0 10, Gray 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 30-84 21-25 88.

**OKLAHOMA CITY (108)**
Durant 4-11 6-6 15, Ibaka 8-9 1-1 17, Perkins 2-3 0-0 4, Westbrook 5-12 7-8 19, Sefolosha 4-6 0-0 11, Thabeet 2-2 6-6 10, Martin 4-9 6-7 15, Maynor 3-9 3-4 9, Collison 1-3 0-2 2, Jones 0-3 0-0 0, Jackson 1-4 0-0 3, Lamb 1-3 0-0 3, Liggins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-74 29-34 108.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 17 | 21 | 25 | 25—88 |
| Oklahoma City | 30 | 27 | 28 | 23—108 |

3-Point Goals—Toronto 7-30 (Bargnani 3-6, Ross 2-3, Calderon 1-4, Lucas 1-6, Fields 0-2, DeRozan 0-2, Lowry 0-2, Anderson 0-5), Oklahoma City 9-25 (Sefolosha 3-5, Westbrook 2-4, Jackson 1-2, Lamb 1-3, Martin 1-4, Durant 1-4, Maynor 0-3). Fouled Out—Thabeet. Rebounds—Toronto 46 (Davis 9), Oklahoma City 56 (Perkins 9). Assists—Toronto 16 (Lucas, Lowry 4), Oklahoma City 24 (Westbrook 8). Total Fouls—Toronto 24, Oklahoma City 22. Technicals—Lowry, Westbrook, Oklahoma City defensive three second. A—18,203 (18,203) at Oklahoma City, Okla.

# TRANSACTIONS

## MLB

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**BOSTON RED SOX** — Named Juan Nieves pitching coach.
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Announced the retirement of co-ordinator of cultural development Sal Artiaga.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**L.A. DODGERS** — Named Mark McGwire hitting coach.
**N.Y. METS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Greg Burke on a minor league contract. Agreed to terms with OF Jason Bay to terminate his contract.
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Agreed to terms with OF Darren Ford on a minor league contract.
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS** — Assigned 2B Emmanuel Burriss outright to Fresno (PCL). Announced RHP Clay Hensley declined outright assignment and elected free agency.

## NFL

**ATLANTA FALCONS** — Released FB Lousaka Polite. Signed FB Mike Cox. Signed OL Jacques McClendon to the practice squad.
**BUFFALO BILLS** — Signed CB Crezdon Butler and OT Thomas Welch.
**MIAMI DOLPHINS** — Released DB De'Andre Presley. Signed CB Bryan McCann.

## NHL

**OTTAWA SENATORS** — Reassigned F Darren Kramer from Binghamton (AHL) to Elmira (ECHL).

# AHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Manchester | 8 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 23 | 15 | 11 |
| Worcester | 10 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 32 | 10 |
| St. John's | 11 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 34 | 10 |
| Portland | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 34 | 29 | 9 |
| Providence | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 23 | 6 |

**NORTHEAST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Springfield | 9 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 17 | 14 |
| Bridgeport | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 29 | 12 |
| Connecticut | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 37 | 9 |
| Adirondack | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 30 | 8 |
| Albany | 8 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 20 | 5 |

**EAST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Syracuse | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 26 | 12 |
| Norfolk | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 25 | 12 |
| Binghamton | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 27 | 9 |
| Hershey | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 26 | 9 |
| W-B/Scranton | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 23 | 8 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

**NORTH DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbotsford | 9 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 18 | 14 |
| Lake Erie | 11 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 29 | 14 |
| Rochester | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 39 | 35 | 13 |
| Hamilton | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 24 | 10 |
| Toronto | 8 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 24 | 7 |

**MIDWEST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 30 | 15 |
| Grand Rapids | 11 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 35 | 12 |
| Rockford | 10 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 30 | 11 |
| Milwaukee | 10 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 28 | 8 |
| Peoria | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 31 | 6 |

**SOUTH**

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charlotte | 11 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 41 | 26 | 15 |
| Houston | 10 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 28 | 12 |
| Oklahoma City | 10 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 31 | 11 |
| San Antonio | 9 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 22 | 9 |
| Texas | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 27 | 6 |

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

**Wednesday's results**
Bridgeport 4 Norfolk 2
Grand Rapids 4 Milwaukee 2
St. John's at Manchester
Binghamton at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton
Syracuse at Hamilton
**Tuesday's result**
Chicago 2 Charlotte 1
**Thursday's games**
**All Times Eastern**
Peoria at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
**Friday's games**
Bridgeport at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Springfield, 7 p.m.
Peoria at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Rockford at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Albany at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Hershey at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Syracuse at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Worcester, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Lake Erie at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

# CFL

## PLAYOFFS

**Sunday's games — All Times Eastern**
**DIVISION SEMIFINALS**
**Byes:** B.C., Montreal
**East Division**
Edmonton at Toronto, 1 p.m.
**West Division**
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 4:30 p.m.
**Sunday, Nov. 18 — All Times Eastern**
**DIVISION FINALS**
**East Division**
Semifinal Winner at Montreal, 1 p.m.
**West Division**
Semifinal Winner at B.C., 4:30 p.m.
**Sunday, Nov. 25**
**100TH GREY CUP**
**At Toronto**
East vs. West Winners, 6 p.m.

## SCORING LEADERS

**x — scored two-point convert**

| | TD | C | FG | S | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| McCallum, BC | 0 | 47 | 44 | 8 | 187 |
| Paredes, Cal | 0 | 49 | 40 | 1 | 170 |
| Congi, Ham | 0 | 49 | 40 | 2 | 171 |
| Whyte, Mtl | 0 | 50 | 33 | 9 | 158 |
| Palardy, Wpg | 0 | 31 | 39 | 6 | 154 |
| Shaw, Edm | 0 | 40 | 32 | 11 | 147 |
| Waters, Tor | 0 | 29 | 32 | 7 | 132 |
| DeAngelis, Sask | 0 | 26 | 30 | 2 | 118 |
| x-C.Williams, Ham | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 92 |
| Dressler, Sask | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 |
| Cornish, Cal | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| Sheets, Sask | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| Harris, BC | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| x-Lewis, Cal | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Milo, Sask | 0 | 16 | 11 | 12 | 61 |

# NFL

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 262 | 170 |
| Miami | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 170 | 149 |
| N.Y. Jets | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 168 | 200 |
| Buffalo | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 180 | 248 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 7 | 1 | 0 | .875 | 237 | 137 |
| Indianapolis | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 159 | 191 |
| Tennessee | 3 | 6 | 0 | .333 | 182 | 308 |
| Jacksonville | 1 | 7 | 0 | .125 | 117 | 219 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 199 | 176 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 191 | 164 |
| Cincinnati | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 189 | 218 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 7 | 0 | .222 | 169 | 211 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Denver | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 235 | 175 |
| San Diego | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 185 | 157 |
| Oakland | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 171 | 229 |
| Kansas City | 1 | 7 | 0 | .125 | 133 | 240 |

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y. Giants | 6 | 3 | 0 | .667 | 254 | 185 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 133 | 183 |
| Dallas | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 150 | 181 |
| Washington | 3 | 6 | 0 | .333 | 226 | 248 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 220 | 143 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 226 | 185 |
| New Orleans | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 218 | 229 |
| Carolina | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 149 | 180 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 7 | 1 | 0 | .875 | 236 | 120 |
| Green Bay | 6 | 3 | 0 | .667 | 239 | 187 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 4 | 0 | .556 | 204 | 197 |
| Detroit | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 192 | 188 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Francisco | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 189 | 103 |
| Seattle | 5 | 4 | 0 | .556 | 170 | 154 |
| Arizona | 4 | 5 | 0 | .444 | 144 | 173 |
| St. Louis | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 137 | 186 |

## WEEK 10

**Thursday's game — All Times Eastern**
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 8:20 p.m.
**Sunday's games**
N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Denver at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8:20 p.m.
**Monday, Nov. 12**
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

# SOCCER

## UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

**First Round (home teams listed first)**
**Wednesday's results**
**GROUP E**
Chelsea (England) 3 Shaktar Donetsk (Ukraine) 2
Juventus (Italy) 4 Nordsjaelland (Denmark) 0
**GROUP F**
Bayern Munich (Germany) 6 Lille (France) 1
Valencia (Spain) 4 BATE Borisov (Belarus) 2
**GROUP G**
Benfica (Portugal) 2 Spartak Moscow (Russia) 0
Glasgow Celtic (Scotland) 2 Barcelona (Spain) 1
**GROUP H**
Braga (Portugal) 1 Manchester United (England) 3
Cluj (Romania) 1 Galatasaray (Turkey) 3
**Tuesday's results**
**GROUP A**
Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 0 FC Porto (Portugal) 0
Paris SG (France) 4 Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) 0
**GROUP B**
FC Schalke 04 (Germany) 2 Arsenal (England) 2
Olympiacos (Greece) 3 Montpellier (France) 1
**GROUP C**
AC Milan (Italy) 1 Malaga (Spain) 1
Anderlecht (Belgium) 1 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 0
**GROUP D**
Manchester City (England) 2 Ajax (Netherlands) 2
Real Madrid (Spain) 2 Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 2

## MLS PLAYOFFS

### SEMIFINALS

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### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**D.C UNITED VS. NEW YORK**
**(Series tied 1-1)**
**Wednesday's result**
D.C. at New York,

**KANSAS CITY VS. HOUSTON**
**(Houston leads series 2-0)**
**Wednesday's result**
Houston at Kansas City

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**SAN JOSE VS. LOS ANGELES**
**(San Jose leads series 1-0)**
**Wednesday's result**
Los Angeles at San Jose

**SEATTLE VS. REAL SALT LAKE**
**(Series tied 0-0)**
**Thursday's game — All Times Eastern**
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 9:30 p.m.

## ENGLAND

### LEAGUE ONE

**Wednesday's results**
Hartlepool United 0 Tranmere Rovers 2
Milton Keyes Dons 1 Leyton Orient 0

### LEAGUE TWO

Plymouth Argyle 1 Burton Albion 2

## FRANCE

### LIGUE 1

**Wednesday's results**
Sochaux 2 Evian 1

## SCOTLAND

### PREMIER LEAGUE

**Wednesday's results**
Motherwell 0 Dundee United 1

# TENNIS

## ATP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**At London**
**Wednesday's results**
**ROUND ROBIN**
**Singles — Group A**
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Andy Murray (3), Britain, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Republic, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (7), France, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.
**Standings:** Djokovic 2-0 (sets 4-1), Berdych 1-1 (3-3), Murray 1-1 (3-3), Tsonga 0-2 (1-4).
**Doubles — Group B**
Jonathan Marray, Britain, and Frederik Nielsen (8), Denmark, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto**, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 12-10.
Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna (5), India, def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (4), Romania, 6-3, 5-7, 10-5.
**Standings**: Marray-Nielsen 2-0 (4-2), Bhupathi-Bopanna 1-1 (3-3), Mirnyi-**Nestor** 1-1 (3-3), Lindstedt-Tecau 0-2 (2-4).

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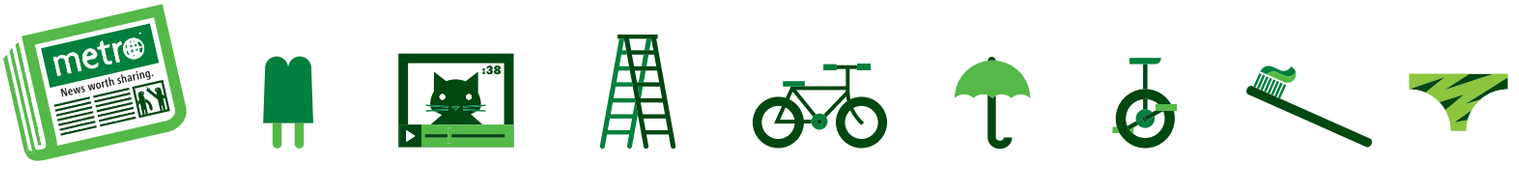

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## Public Auctions

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### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
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### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
Try not to come across as cold. Those to whom you are close know that you sometimes find it hard to express your feelings but people you deal with in the wider world may think you are being rude.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Quick decisions are not always good decisions, so take your time and get it right. Someone may be annoyed that you are moving slowly but they will be even more annoyed if you make a wrong move and they have to pay.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
You may be tempted to pack your bags and go some place where you don't have to deal with so many annoying people but in a few days you will feel better about your current situation. Hang in there.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Try not to be too distrustful today. The planets indicate that what a colleague is offering you is not some kind of trick. Most people are honest, so accept the offer and enjoy what it brings.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Your head and your heart are pulling you in different directions and, as always, your head will win in the end. Don't be so logical and rational though that you miss the feelings of love that others are sending your way.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
You have worked hard to get to your present position and you are not about to give it up, no matter what others say you should do. Possession is nine-tenths of the law and you are simply not going to move.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Opportunity will come knocking today and you won't hesitate to let it in. Don't forget, however, that the flipside to opportunity is responsibility. Make sure you know what you are getting yourself into — then go for it.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Mercury in your sign helps you see things clearly but it's in one of its retrograde phases at the moment, so not everything will be what it seems. Don't accept what others tell you without checking the facts for yourself.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
You may wish you were some place else at the moment but before you start thinking about a change of scene, you have got to think about your cash flow situation. Are you living beyond your means? Do something about it.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
You will be tempted to splash out on something luxurious today but if you are wise, you will resist. Your place in the world does not depend on how much you earn or how much bling you can afford.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You could miss out on a romantic opportunity today, simply because you are too shy to approach someone you fancy. It doesn't take much to smile and say hello, so be brave and make your move. You'll be glad you did. SALLY BROMPTON

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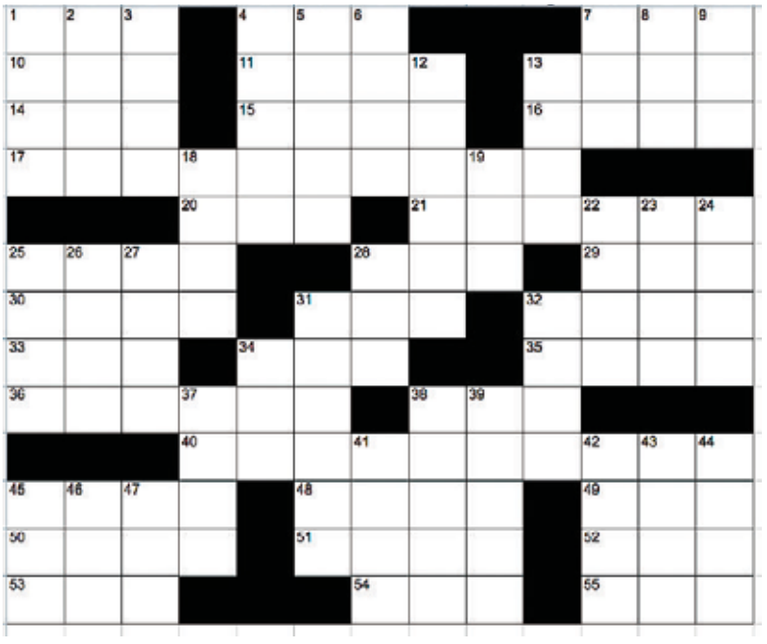

**Across**
1. Commercials
4. Allow
7. Funnyman Carney
10. Actor Majors
11. Cosmetic giant
13. French cheese
14. Poor grade
15. Exhaust
16. The Avengers Mrs. Peel
17. Value
20. Food scrap
21. Squeal
25. Idle chit —
28. Opie's Aunt —
29. The Fresh Prince of Bel —
30. Partner for hearty
31. Pub
32. Wing length
33. Has the flu
34. Actor who portrayed 28 across
35. Towel monogram
36. More homey
38. – Paulo, Brazil
40. Brace
45. Alike
48. Fragrance
49. Pitcher's stat.
50. Tortoise rival
51. Telegram
52. — and abet
53. The Cat in the —
54. Wide shoe width
55. Genetic molecule (abbr.)

**Down**
1. M*A*S*H actor
2. "The — End of the Ocean"
3. Ooze
4. After a while
5. Landlord's threat
6. Beverly Hills, 90210 actress Spelling
7. Appendage
8. Along the edge
9. Afternoon social
12. Tidier
13. Red veggie
18. Routine
19. Self defense lessons —kwondo
22. Record a television show
23. Fibber
24. Sea eagles
25. Elegant
26. Angel headwear
27. — well that ends well
28. Keep out
31. Beg, — or steal
32. Range
34. Soak
37. Psychiatrists comment (2 words)
38. Night time sound
39. Concur
41. Nurse Jackie actress Falco
42. — of the Class
43. Middle daughter on The Waltons
44. Zilch
45. Be quiet!
46. Battery size
47. The A Team actor (word & init.)

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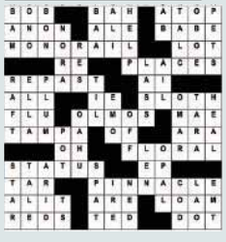

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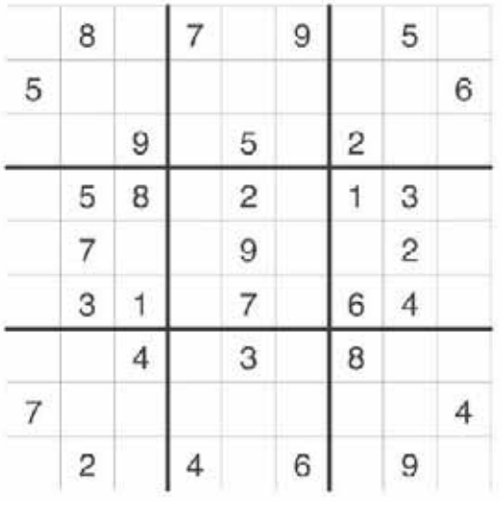

## Yesterday's Sudoku

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| 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 8 |
| 7 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| 9 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 1 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 9 |

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